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モニカ・
スティング

「ひ、ヒロト……だめ、そこは……う、はううう……！」

「もう少しの辛抱だよ。」

ヒロト、
ジーグリット



ユイカ

「人間の子供よ。空が欲しけば
私を倒すしか方法はない」



Chapter 15 – Flame Ax and Lightning Rapier

Note: Changed Nameless name into permanent None. After I read it up once again, she calls herself None when saying her name (above the kanji nameless is read as None). And no, I won't change Riona's name. I like it that way.

During the time until I reach 4 years old, to not make my parents worry too much about me, I would not officially do any quest. Instead I will use [Coaching] instead and I will focus on that to learn, train, and strengthen my skill

I will use [Request] to those people who owns [Nurturing] or [Coaching] skill as such kind skill would enable them to educate other in a better output. Of course I have to raise their intimacy level first above certain level to be able to have a better chance in acquiring the skills from them. Well, when I use [Request], I would need to pay them with items, money, or even by doing some work for them.

When it was in the game, it is impossible to give present to all the NPC so I can only increase my intimacy with only a few 'possible' NPC only. But in this Magiahaim, things are of course different from the game. As long as they can communicate, on theory, then their intimacy level could be increased.

The one skill that I specially focused on to train is the [Sacred Sword Art] skill. Filianes-san owns the [Nurturing] skill so since 3 years old forth, I've been asking her to teach me the skill. And the result is, the skill increased quickly by leap

and bounds. Along with it, I also keep on training my [Ax Mastery] by splitting firewood everyday so it gradually increases bit by bit. In these two years, I managed to level it up until it reaches the second major point of level 50. Because my [Ax] mastery is already high, I don't bother taking [Sword mastery] and use Ax instead of sword to activate my magic sword skill which made my skill look a bit irregular.

For the magic skill needed as the prerequisite of the magic sword skill, I ask the adventurer None-san to teach her elemental magic, and also I ask the grandmother of my same age friend Milty, Obaba-sama (literally, exalted grandma but I let it be that way) to teach me her spirit magic. Filianes-san also uses spirit magic but Obaba-sama is the famous [Witch of Mizell], her spirit magic skill has broken through the level 50 barrier! She is indeed worthy to be called a high ranked magician. Besides that, she also lives nearby so I can ask for her coaching everyday with ease. And then there is also white magic to that I learn from Sarasa-san but there is not much progress as I can still use the basic healing skill only.

Everyone calls the Witch of Mizell with a respectful title of Obaba-sama because she is the one who ask to be called that way every time she receives any pupil under her. Her real name is Neris Aurelia.

(Neris/ Obaba-sama use an ancient kind of speech befitting her grandma character. But I can't do it in English orz)

"Hiroto boy, thy has mastered spirit magic until the intermediate level. After a bit while longer, I sure would have nothing left to teach you. You better go out to play with Milty now"

"There's no such thing as that. Obaba-sama might not want to continue teaching me but, I still want to thoroughly master magic"

"Fumu..... Well, if thy say so, it's alright for thee to try. But if thy ask for more,

there will definitely be risk involved with the process. And sure the risk is not as simple as the previous Mandragora uprooting training I warn thee”

Mandragora ---- the crops that Obaba-sama cultivates, a plant that is similar to a root crops. When uprooted, it will let out a [Repulsive Shriek] which will give a fixed 400 mana damage to the one uprooting it. If one can endure it, they will get the mandragora but for those people with low [Magic Grounding] skill, their mana will be instantly depleted and turn crazy on the spot. In another word, instant game over.

To help increasing my spirit magic to level 30, the task that Obaba-sama asked me to accomplish as payment for her [Coaching] is to help her uprooting mandragora and she let me be creative with how I uproot those. The most mainstream way would be by using a tamed monster to pull it out instead but my slime has grown big and I don't want to lose her just for this so I pull it out by myself. I thought I was gonna die when the mandragora start screaming but from the process of recovering mana after that also gave me experience too so it also helps in training my [Magic Grounding] skill.

Of course, to avoid accident, the mandragora cultivation bed was placed in the underground of Obaba-sama's hut beyond a locked door. The amazing thing from mandragora is that if eaten fresh, it can give tons of experience for [Magic Grounding] skill but, from all the mandragora that I uproot, Obaba-sama only give me a fragment of it to eat. Even so, my magic grounding still manage to level up until level 40 which made my maximum mana capacity to raise until it reaches over 500 ---- if I have this much mana then I would not need to hesitate to use magic in rapid succession ever again.

Later, Obaba-sama teaches me about other usefulness of mandragora. This plant is just like a disfigured puppet shaped carrot which is horrible to see but it

actually have more hidden use than just to increase [Magic Grounding] skill as it can also be used as medicine.

"The mandragora that thee uprooted is actually used as the ingredient for a certain secret wonder drug. That wonder drug is effective against all kind of disease and even return people from the brink of death back to top fitness. The most secret of secret of the pharmacy world..... the medicine known as Elixir"

"Elixir..... so there is an amazing medicine like that"

In game, there are no healing items that give the effect of [complete recovery]. Whether its health or mana, it will only gradually recover after drinking the corresponding potion. If there is an item that will give instant life and if that item can be used repeatedly, on theory, anybody could beat any strong boss with ease. Because it was not possible in game, the difficulty level is kept at the balanced level.

"I have the recipe to create that potion but I don't have the necessary ingredient for it. If the time comes when thee managed to gather all the ingredient, I will give half of it to thee. I am even willing to help thee enlighten thee way to reach advanced level spirit magic"

"Yes! I will try to collect it someday!"

With the request from Obaba-sama, it finally generates the quest to advance my understanding in spirit magic. Well, I can still level it up by myself but, by accomplishing quest like this, it will give more efficiency in leveling.

“But these ingredients are things that might be or might not be able to get even if thee search for it in thy entire lifetime. And such thing like advanced level spirit magic already isn’t only belonged to a handful of people..... I heard that the Holy Knight Filianess already reached that level. That girl already reaches beyond that of a normal human. To get that strong, I wonder what her intention to do with it”

Obaba-sama’s eyes narrowed under her trademarked-for-witch pointy hat. Her face is mostly hidden by her hood so all I can see is only her eyes but, I can sometimes see a hint of affectionate color inside those eyes.

It was so especially when she saw her granddaughter, Milty. She is now just stand there beside us listening to our conversation motionlessly. When I take a look at her, I see Obaba-sama wrinkly hand gently pats her head.

“Milty, why don’t you play with Hiroto? This boy is not yet ready to learn all of my magic. But as exchange, Milty can show her magic to thee”

“E?..... Milty can already use magic?”

“..... I can. Turn into cat, doing meow meow”

(..... Was there any magic like that exist? Is that mimicry or some kind?)

“The magic that Milty use is different from mine. It was [Beast Magic]. What is it? Did thy never heard of it before?”

“Beast..... Magic.....”

After she said that, I finally remember.

In the next Eternal Magia update pack, the next planned append to the game would be 3 kinds of jobs. And one of those would be the beast magician or popularly called as beastling.....

“..... I'll show you in the forest. Follow”

Milty pulls my hand while Obaba-sama drives me away from the hut. The forest had already become a peaceful place now with only normal rabbit-type monster would sometimes appear. But they are not the aggressive type and they are herbivore so they don't pose too many danger.

Remembering back on how I became friends with Milty was because Sarasa-san is an acquaintance of Obaba-sama from where she introduces Milty to Riona. Milty would usually play by herself so she looks so lonely. That's why Sarasa-san asked Riona and I to play together with her. At first it was because we were told to but now.....

“..... I said it before in front of Obaba-sama but, doing meow meow is a bit embarrassing”

“W-what kind of thing is that meow meow?”

“Beast magic”

"Ah, yes..... that. I never seen it before so I kinda looking forward seeing it"

A different kind of magic from Obaba-sama means that either Milty's mother or father were used to be a beast magician too in the past and Milty just happen to inherit that job. I made it my policy to not peek at other kid status window so I never know that Milty had such unique skill like that.

"Show Hiroto's magic too. Then I'll show you mine"

"Hey wait..... Close! You are too close!"

Milty's has a short hair when she was 2 years old but she grows it longer now. She also has long eyelashes with a pair of big beautiful eyes. Contrasting to Riona's droopy eyes (the one gives gentle impression), she has a squinted ones. (the one gives unyielding/tsundere expression)

(Eros: not sure what it was about the eyes description in English. halp)

This girl from long time ago, when talking to me, has a habit of getting her face to gradually get closer and closer to mine until her nose could finally touches me. When I ask her why she answers because she smells something good from me but she herself wasn't so sure either.

"..... Sniff sniff..... Hiroto, I smell Riona's on you. Did you play today?"

"M-maybe because we had a breakfast together maybe?....."

“Is that so”

She's not the type who expresses her emotion but somehow I could understand what she wants to say.

That time when she used to play alone, she seemed to be unaffected by the loneliness and act calmly all the time but I begin to understand that at that time, she still not yet understand about the concept of being ‘lonely’.

“..... My magic, keep it a secret okay?”

“O-okay..... I understand. Then, I will show you my magic first”

Milty put her hand on her chest..... she seems to have great expectation towards my magic.

When I train under Obaba-sama, I've never let her see it before so this will be the first time for me to show her. Let's show her the easiest spirit magic first.....

On the window that displayed in my mind, I choose fire elemental level 1 spirit magic and then I chant the spell shown on the display. If I can memorize the spell, I can execute the spell quicker.

“Fire spirit..... heed my call, be the light to illuminate the darkness! [Summon Wisp]!”

LOG

- You are chanting a spell.....
- You activate a spirit magic! Flame elemental Will-o-wisp has been summoned!

When I put my hand to the front, I can feel my mana got drained and then the spirit manifested from the summon. Will-o-wisp is a lesser spirit which is just a lump of magic power flying around. It is a being that only has a little extent of will. I can obey simple command like stopping in the air or revolving around the caster in an orderly manner. This flame elemental wisp is usually used to illuminate dark place as lighting.

“..... Amazing. Fire is, flying about”

“If you accidentally touch it, it won’t feel that hot but, be careful okay?”

“Okay.....”

The light from the flame elemental wisp reflected inside Milty’s eyes. She keeps on gazing them for a while. Riona also shows a similar reaction when I show this to her before..... She has gotten much calmer compared to when she still 2 years old as she is not chasing it around instead.

LOG

- You have extinguished your summoned Will-o-wisp.

When I reach advanced level, I can get a contract with the spirit to have them fight with me but for elementary level, it was only limited on the moment I summon them.

(Eros: the raw is not that clear and I ad-lib too much. Raw doesn't say about contracting but the next sentence say some kind of limit so I add that to the translation)

Extinguishing them doesn't mean that they will die, it will just return back to the spirit world.

"Next is my turn..... look"

"O-okay....."

To be honest, I am kinda nervous. Beast magic..... according to what Milty describes before, would it summon a cat or something like that? If that is the case then the level of that magic should be higher than what I showed before.

(As in Hiroto only summon a spirit with almost no will of its own while Milty summon a complete living being)

"..... My body is, the personification of, a mountain cat....."

"LOG"

- 《Milty》 is chanting a spell.....
- 《Milty》 activates a beast magic! 《Milty》 will endow the power of mountain

cat for a period of time!

“..... N..... Nnn.....”

Milty's body is wrapped by a faint light and then from some parts of her body, bushy hair? Is starting to grow at a visible pace.....

(Thi-this is..... Beast magic? Don't tell me..... this is a magic which will turn the caster into a beast.....?)

It doesn't turn the caster completely into a beast or in Milty's case, a cat. It just make a bushy cat ears pop up in her head, lean cat's tail grows, and fluffy beast fur to grows from various parts of her body covering her up. For other unaffected parts, it was just slightly being cat-ified with it base still could be recognized as Milty.

But then again..... for Milty who already looks somewhat similar to a cat from the start, this transformed figure of her matches her perfectly. Milty who had turned into a chestnut colored cat girl is now licking on her hand (paw?) and use it to rub her face.

“..... Obaba-sama said that, if I turned this way, I will be stronger”

“Just like a cat become more agile perhaps?”

"Yes. Now, I can easily climb a tree nyaa"

(Eros: after ancient tongue now is cat tongue talk... I give up. I use nyaa instead of meowfication language)

"..... nyaa?"

She is now also speaking in a cat girl tongue. Maybe it's just a side effect from using the magic. If asked whether it matches her or not then I'd say it matches but this side of Milty is something hard to imagine if knowing how she is usually so I can't help parroting her word.

"..... That's why, this is a secret..... nyaa"

"I-is that so..... You just can't help saying it right? But does it matter? I think its cute"

"U..... I-it is not cute nyaa.....!"

Milty face turns red in an instant. Her cat ears and tail also stand up abruptly.

(Cat ears is..... really a great thing right? There weren't any cat eared character in the game before so I kinda want to see one. Well, there are cat ears band though)

Seems like I also had fetish toward beast girl. This experience really made me realize it deeply. Well, this feeling maybe just comes from being impressed after

seeing Milty's perfect cat-ification.

But as I keep nailed on staring her, Milty who already mastered the art of glaring on her very tender age of four, use the reproachful gaze back at me and says:

"Embarrassing..... Hiroto, punishment"

"Eh?..... Wh-why!?..... Uwa!"

LOG

- 《Milty》 is pouncing on you! You got mounted from being pounced on!

(Eros: term from free fighting where you sit on your opponent stomach so you could keep on punching your opponent face)

(I got mounted?..... she can easily take a mount position on me.....!?)

This condition is a result from getting hit from a part of grappling skill moves or possibly from [Jump] skill also. By getting on top of your opponent, this unique condition will sometime triggered ---- and it was named getting mounted. When you are getting mounted like this then until you get free from being mounted, you are getting restricted from doing some action.

"..... Hiroto, punishment....."

“..... Milty! I-I’m sorry!”

I put my hand on my pouch to take some item from it. It can be used as an ingredient for medicine so I always buy some from Meruone-san when she have it but..... this item is probably very effective to Milty right now.

LOG

- You took [Catnip] from your pouch!
- The cat around you will be intoxicated! [Meow meow purr~]

(What an unique log description..... It seems like that the goddess is fond of cats)

Well, I don’t know whether it was really the goddess who made the writing in the log or not but, while I thinking that, I slowly turn my gaze toward Milty.....

“..... meow meow purr~”

“..... Hey Milty, wait.....!”

Milty’s face is all red from being drunk. While still mounting on top of me, she is rubbing her cheek to my chest.

“There are so many Hiroto..... licks”

“Waa, it tickles”

I would understand if she wants to lick the catnip but instead, she licks my cheek with her tiny lips again and again.

(..... What is this feeling? It really feels like being licked by a kitten)

I was flustered at first but after seeing Milty drunken childish behavior for a while, I regain my calm.

“Lick, lick..... purr~..... meow~”

“I’m sorry Milty..... It was cruel of me to use the catnip”

The mounted condition is naturally broken off from that but, in a meaning, the mount position is still on effect. I’m patting Milty’s back who is acting spoiled and purring on top of me. She seems to like it very much as she purrs even more.

LOG

- 《Milty》 beast magic has worn off.

Milty who had endowed the power of a mountain cat finally turned back into her original form. Her ears is back to that of a human, the fluffy hair that covers a part of her body is also disappear. Even for this fantasy world, that view is very much otherworldly.

“..... Purr.....”

“M-Milty..... you have already turned back right?”

“..... Nyan?”

Did she not conscious yet? Or maybe the effects from turning into cat still drags on? Or maybe she is just feeling shy and covering her feeling of shyness..... Just as I think of those thing, suddenly...

“..... Guys, what is Hiroto and Milty doing?”

“Err..... frolicking with each other maybe?”

“Uooo Hiroto, I don’t know why but you look so manly!”

(T-they saw me!..... But well, it was not exactly a bad thing even if other people witness it. Well, except for one person)

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“Milty-chan, you can’t use Hiroto as your hugging pillow! He is my hugging pillow!”

“Ha!..... W-wrong, I’m not.....”

Milty suddenly wakes up from her dazed state and make a commotion while panicking. She quickly move away from my top and when my upper body is less crowded, it is now Riona’s turn to jump on me.

“A-are you stupid? What are you doing?”

“Hau~..... I also want to play with Hiro-chan why are you get angry? I’ve been looking for you you know?”

Riona’s way of talking has grown more mature compared to when she is 2 years old but I can still feel childish tone from her. She is still the spoiled girls

she were and she also still unhesitant in her skinship with me..... Seems like she will take a bit more time until she develops shyness.

"Listen listen Hiroto, you know, when I do training just as what Hiroto said, I suddenly become able to do it!" Deen said it while still in high tension.

"I also become able to do it, the mow down skill..... If I can do this much then I can even challenge the pink colored rabbit right?"

"That's right, Ash-niichan, Deen-niichan, could you show it to me?"

Riona has now finally learn how to read the mood so she stopped making me her hugging pillow and move away a bit. Ash and Deen are holding their own wooden sword for training purpose and take their stance in front of me.

Ash said that he wanted to become strong like me so I use [Request] to the adventurer Wendy to use [Coaching] on him to teach him [Sword Mastery] skill. Deen also joined midway and since that time, those two kids had started their sword training diligently.

The thing that started to influence them to get stronger is of course because of that orc attack that day. From that day on, Deen started to acknowledge me better. He starts to treat me as his superior even if I am 2 years younger than him. From the start, I don't have any intention on antagonizing him anyway so I am quite pleased with the current situation.

"Alright, here I go..... Haaa!"

"I'll go too..... Eee!"

LOG

- 《Ash》is unleashing [Mow down]!
- 《Deen》is unleashing [Mow down]!

(Oo..... They finally could perform the skill that can only learn after they reach Sword Mastery level 10. With this, they could even beat a goblin)

Mow down is a basic attack skill but it will affect all enemies that caught in its area of effects (AOE) and give a decent damage to them. This is the perfect skill to scatter low leveled small fry. If you can defeat many of those small fries efficiently with this skill then you can level up faster..... Well, of course having kids like them publicly slay monsters like that is not a good option so it's quite hard to find the right chance to do that.

“Ash-niichan, Deen-niichan, that’s amazing! It’s perfect”

“I-is that so? Alright! Ash-nii, let’s do it some more!”

“Haa, Haa..... I’m already tired. Let me rest for a bit first”

“Niisan, are you alright?”

“Yeah, I’m alright. Thank you for your concern Stella”

Ash doesn’t have a good stamina when compared to Deen. He is definitely not

the type to take battle-related job. Well, he had said before that he wants to inherit his home business and work as a merchant in the future so let's not push him too hard and let him train his merchant skill instead.

Deen on the opposite has talents in this part. Also, because of what happened before with his father, he has a great motivation on becoming strong. He said to me before that he wants to join Mizell vigilante corps once he old enough..... For him, those from knight brigade and adventurer guild whose main occupation is to beat those hateful monsters are an existence that he yearns after.

"But I'm still nowhere near you Hiroto..... I will definitely become strong and become able to defeat orc by myself like you!"

"Of course you will. And when that time comes, I will also come together to fight with you"

"I will also go!"

"I go too"

Riona is..... if I can, I don't want her to get close to monster though. But for Milty, she has the potential of becoming stronger. I might someday invite her to my party.

Riona who has the power of the demon lord dwells within her has the same or even higher level in [Magic Grounding] when compared to me who constantly trains hard. But I don't want to use that power for fighting..... Because from the description I read in my event log [The Demon Lord power would calls upon calamity], I know that I should not recklessly use her power.

“Muu- (pouts)..... Hiro-chan is only looking at Milty. If you don’t bring me along then I will squeeze-hug you”

“Wh-what is squeeze-hug anyway.....”

“If you go to those monsters place again then I might squeeze-hug you too to stop you from going”

“Wh-why Stella-nee also.....”

“Ahaha! Hiroto, your face is all red!”

“Hahaha..... I’m sorry Hiroto, my little sister seems to had said something weird”

“Niisan, what I said is not weird okay? I was just.....”

Stella-nee trying to complain what Ash said in panic. While my focus is locked to that side, Riona and Milty suddenly come close and hug me. After Deen started to become more frank, I realize that he is a really good guy. Even when he would try to tease me when he had the chance, he didn’t do that with evil intention.

My childhood here, compared to my childhood in my previous life, is even more merry, harmonious, and calming. It made my heart feels full everyday which made me feel content.

But there are still things that I should never forget no matter what. Those are about the demon sword, demon king, and that dragon girl. In these 2 years, there is no progress at all regarding those things. All I can do now is only develop my own strength while doing my best at protecting those reflected in my eyes.

I am still a 4 years old kid. 4 years has passed since I reincarnate in this world..... It was only a mere 4 years yet I somehow feel that I have lived longer than the total time that I lived in my previous life.

(I wish to at least achieve one of my major objective here..... but, just when will I reach it?)

“Hiro-chan, tomorrow Filianes-san and the other two older sister will come visit right? Would you not be able to play with Riona?”

“Nn?..... Aa, I remember now. I have promises to fulfill first with Filianes-san but after I done with it we can play”

“Yeah! Then let’s all play together again tomorrow”

“Deen really always full of spirit..... from time to time, I wish I could pass the time by reading books together with everyone”

“Oh, that’s a good suggestion Niisan. I also have some book that I want to read for Hiroto”

Stella said that as a tinge of pink blossoming in her cheek. After the incident with that orc until now, her reliance towards me just keep on getting stronger. She gradually finds more difficult books so I can listen to her reading it. With all those difficult books, she would naturally improve her scholarly ability and knowledge in a faster pace. If she continues being this way, she might bloom early as a scholar or something alike. Well, I don’t know whether I could talk about other people early bloom as I am an abnormally fast bloomer myself.

Milty also said that she wants to be a magician like Obaba-sama. Everyone already had their own dream for the future. But every time I think about future

dream, I just can't help but being reminded about Riona's job.....

[The Child of Ruin]. I have to find a way to overwrite that job. As long as that job exists, I don't know whether Riona can continue on living normally like this or not.

No matter what kind of job it is, even a villager or an adventurer, everything is fine beside that. But even when she managed to fulfill other job condition without her being aware of it, her job just won't change ---- Maybe, her job is something that can't be changed.

After I say goodbye to everyone, on the road back home, Riona walking together with me while holding my arm like it was normal. While holding in my embarrassed feeling, I ask her a question.

“..... Hey, Riona. If Riona gets bigger, what do you want to be?”

“Riona wants..... Umm.....”

Riona who stopped using twin braided hairstyle is now looking much less childish compared to when she is 2 years old and start to look more matured. Hina also start to grow her hair before she enters elementary school. The look of her face from the side is just resembles too much with other face that I am familiar with.

(..... At that time, what is that girl saying I wonder)

“..... It’s a secret. I won’t teach you Hiro-chan”

“I-is that so?..... Then what should I do to make you tell me that?”

Hearing my question, Riona acts shy in a cute way then said.

“Until Hiro-chan and I become an adult, I won’t say it”

“..... Is that so? Then I will wait until we grown up”

“Yeah!”

Just why is this? Why can’t I just urge her to say so or maybe tease her about it? Why did you make it a secret? Telling me that won’t really hurt right? But why can’t I just say it straight.

---- That was because, I already done the same kind of dialogue way far in the past.

When you become an adult, what would you want to be? When I ask that question to Hina, she also just won’t tell me her answer no matter what.



The next day, just as Riona had said yesterday, Filianes-san and her two followers comes to Mizell again for their monthly check.

When they arrive, I immediately guide them to the practice ground in the city that Monica-san had booked before under my request. Wendy also idolizes Filianes-san so she definitely can't wait to meet her but for today, there are things that I want to do with just the four of us.

"Hiroto-chan, are you ready? Me and Aletta-chan will only spectate from the sidelines alright?"

"Even though this is just a martial arts demonstration, accidents could still happen. Never let your guard down for a second okay?"

"Okay, I will be alright. We can start anytime now Filianes-san"

I said that as I take a stance with my ax. Compared to when I was 2 years old, my ax had gotten one size bigger..... I use it as my main weapon so I have to make it as comfortable as I can. Even Mar-san and Filianes-san also had their weapon resized to fit their growing body.

My request to Filianes-san is to train together with me each time she come visiting. And the method used for the training is in this [martial art demonstration] form. It was like a mock battle where you send out fighting arts after another to each other while trying not hit them directly with it.

"Hiroto, you are definitely a rare genius. I managed to master magic sword art when I was 10 and master double magic sword art at 14 which is just recently. And I've been through hell to master the two sword art"

"Hiroto-chan is a rare genius that can use any kind of skill after he saw it once, the ultimately genius ax user right~? [There are no skills that I can't copy] Ora!" as Mar-san says while having fun mimicking me.

"Doesn't he manage to achieve that because he trains diligently does it? It was a fruit boon from relentless effort you know?..... Isn't that right, Hiroto-chan?"

"That's right. But most of it was thanks to Filianes-san teaching. If it's not because of her kindly teaching me, how could a kid like me become able to use some cool skill like magic sword art?"

"When you say it like that, as the one who teach you, I really feel honored"

Filianes-san said that while having her cheek red from blushing. She who have become a 18 years old girl this year..... has grown a certain part of her body into something even more magnificent. Those milk bags have become something very sinful..... In the other hand, her [Elegance] had leveled up more under the influence of her job as the Holy Knight. I could even faintly see a glow of halo around her because of her disposition.

"Magic sword art is the proof of being a holy knight. Because you have also mastered it, it means that you are also qualified to stand in the same position as I am"

"I am still nothing compared to you Filianes-san. But I wish to surpass you someday"

"Huhu..... I like those kinds of eyes. If it's you, Hiroto, I know that you have the possibility to do so. You can become stronger than me..... That's why, I won't let you easily surpass me!"

[Magic sword art] is a skill that would enchant not only sword, but all kind of other weapon too without exception, with a chosen magic. I self-study about spirit magic from books and then polish it with the help of Obaba-sama teaching to support [Magic sword art]. And then I also train the [Magic sword art] skill that I received from Filianes-san before by using [Request] to ask her to do [Nurturing] on me. In just this short 2 years, I managed to train the skill up until level 30. And because it already reached 30, I got to learn a passive skill from it. That skill is named [Clemency].

Besides that, I also learn knighthood from Mar-san so I managed to level it up quite a lot. And because Aletta-san is also around to keep watch, my [Combat Medic] skill is also increases..... They also get stronger themselves by training me and I also get more benefit from getting their training.

Form these girls eyes, they might not be able to see it but, even when my level is not comparable to Filianes-san now, my strength is already comparable to or might be stronger than any other normal knight brigade member. The results that one get from training are proportional to one's level so if they went along to train with me, then the result that they got from training me should not be too low.

"Well then..... first is, let me see your basic skill, En garde!"

Filianes-san is left handed. She grab the rapier handle by her left hand then pull it out, lower her hip position, and her right hand then support the rapier blade in a thrusting stance ---- That is one of the stance of one basic attack skill that She is familiar the most, the stance to execute the [Piercing] Skill.

My basic attack skill is the wood splitter ---- oh not that, if it was for combat then it will be the [head splitter]. I wield my ax in the upper stance, I focus my strength in the point below my navel, take a deep breath ---- and then.

“---- Haaa!”

“---- Taa!”

LOG

- 《Filianes》 unleashes [Piercing]!
- You unleash [Head Splitter]!
- You are training with 《Filianes》.

The two weapons moves in a flash leaving behind a pair of arcs in the air and the sound of splitting air. Even by doing this kind of simple moves, it was already counted as doing training already but, there are a lot other action that can be considered as training too.

“Hae~..... Hiroto-chan, the way you swing down your ax is already sharper than the ax user in the knight brigade you know~?”

“You can say that again..... He is only a 4 years old kid yet he can already use an ax this with such mastery..... If he were to take the knight brigade combat test now, he definitely could pass it with ease. He really does inherit a lot from his father. You can just feel the bloodline of Ricardo-sama the ax knight.....”

Mar-san and Aletta-san is completely praising silly. They don't know that when I met Wendy, that self-proclaimed student of mine two years ago, her strength at that time is in the borderline of failing the knight brigade test. But I, at that time was already stronger than her. If there are no age limitations to the knight brigade test, then I could pass their test at the age of 2.

I don't have any intention to leave Mizell yet but I have interest in this so called knight school. When it was in the game, the school is already present but players can't attend them and because of that, the knight school is still yet an unexplored land.

In my past life, I can't attend school normally so I kinda have the feeling of wanting to give it another try. Well, my main reason was because Filianes-san is also one of the teachers there and if I join the school, then I have to call her teacher.

"Well now..... The next is the main performance. Hiroto, let me see your magic blade. I will also show you my double magic blade"

"Okay"

"Ha..... Hiroto-chan, having such kind of appearance while still being a 4 years old is a total sin~. You even make this 20 years old older sister hearts throbbing for you"

"Uu, don't remind me about age..... It almost become something scary for me"

Aletta is saying like that but for me, a 24 years old older sister is still in the

midst of her youth. She doesn't look any different from when she was 20. She still gives the feeling of a college student or an office lady. But her ability as combat medic has remarkably improves. In this aspect, Mar-san is also the same as her bludgeon mastery had passed the level 50 mark which enabled her to learn the attack skill [Double Impact]. Her battle prowess has upgraded even more by leap and bounds.

"Then..... Here I go! Lightning x Paralyzer x Piercing!"

"Uooo..... Flame x Slash!"

(Eros: don't read the x. magic sword is enchanting, combining magic skill with attack skill so the x is for the separator of each skill)

LOG

- 《Filianes》 unleashes [Double Magic Sword Art]!
- 《Filianes》 is enchanting her weapon with [Lightning]!
- 《Filianes》 is enchanting her weapon with [Paralyze]!
- 《Filianes》 unleashes [Piercing]! [Lightning x Paralyze x Piercing]!
- You unleash [Magic Sword Art]!
- You enchant your weapon with [Soul Flame]!
- You unleash [Power Slash]! [Blazing x Slash]

(Eros: before in flame slash, it was in katakana saying literally flame slash but in the log dialogue, it use kanji instead of Engrish katakana and the kanji used is a cool one: 火炎 (kaen) which mean raging fire 烈 (retsu) which mean ardent/ vehement/ violent and 斬 (zan) which mean slash/ cut/ slice. So translating 火炎烈斬 (kaen retsu zan) as just a mere flame slash is a meh. So I use Blazing x Slash instead)

Note: I will start calling the base skill that could grow as [Skill] while the skill received from growing base skill as [~Arts] if physical or [~Magic] if it was a spell. Other passive or toggled skill like Hiroto's charm would be [Passive Skill] so those skills can be easily differentiated.

Note2: It's a bit short.

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LOG

- «Filianes» unleashes [Double Magic Sword Arts]!
- «Filianes» is enchanting her weapon with [Lightning]!
- «Filianes» is enchanting her weapon with [Paralyze]!
- «Filianes» unleash [Piercing]! [Lightning x Paralyze x Piercing]!
- You unleash [Magic Sword Art]!
- You enchant your weapon with [Soul Flame]!
- You unleash [Power Slash]! [Blazing x Slash]

The attack that Filianes-san released from her trusting attack shots out just as fast as her trust is. The attack shoot straightforward, enhanced with the power of lightning — it was just like some big ass laser shot or something similar. If you get hit by that, even a high rank monster won't be left unscathed.

The attack move that I did was a composition of fire elemental attack magic [Soul Flame] and attack arts [Power Slash] that I obtain when my ax mastery reached level 40. With the power of power slash attack art that is very effective against enemies with bigger posture, a big slashing arc shaped flame shoots out forward in the sky.

“Hoe~..... W-with that small body he is able..... I definitely don't want to have a match with Hiroto-chan~”

“Why are you, the strongest among bludgeon user in the knight brigade, just easily given up like that? Don't tell me your hip get weak easily like that”

“A-Aletta-chan is not the forward team so you don't know anything! That is just impossible you know! I'm still haven't gotten the best equipment yet so if I get hit by that magic I wouldn't be able to resist~!”

Soul flame is a fire elemental attack magic that can be used after one reach

spirit magic rank 3 (spirit magic skill level 30). Regarding spirit magic, each individual would have a certain element that they will be highly apt with. In my case, I have high aptitude with fire element while Filianes-san has high aptitude with lightning element.

“You really are something..... You could use the same middle ranked spirit magic like me and your ax skill is already be said as master class. Did you learn that from Ricardo-dono?”

“From seeing my dad do it, I had a feeling that I could also somehow do it”
(Eros: salt parade to those who train hard but can't get better)

Filianes-san sheathes her rapier away, walk close to me, then kneel on the ground to matches her line of sight to mine, silently gaze me in the eyes. If she got deeply impressed with something, she would always give this look..... But her gaze is filled with more passion now compared to when she look at me when I was still a baby.

(Eros: You make all those oneechan turned into a shotacon, that's why)

“Err, you know~..... thunder god-sama, you are already a 18 years old girl now so trying to approach the 4 years old Hiroto-chan is a crime you know~? According to the kingdom law, trying to do anything weird to boy under 12 years is a legit crime you know~”

“Wha-..... Wha-wha-what are you saying! I just wanted to praise Hiroto-chan because he worked so hard! I absolutely don't have any shameless thought at all okay!”

“Mar-san, do you have any right saying that? Aren't you also let Hiroto-chan..... err..... massage you when you take a bath together don't you?”

“Fuaaa! Saying that is a no no! That is the only thing that can soothes me in this hard life of mine~!”

Mar-san gets flustered. Her face becomes red and tries to explain things while half crying. Aletta-san can just say it if she also wants to be massaged, I will gladly massage her anytime..... and while doing so, I will just nonchalantly tell her about the knowledge I learnt in my previous life. That knowledge is the knowledge that I've been practicing on in this world and found out that it was not just an urban legend. That's right, it was about if I rub on things, it will grow bigger. Rubbing here is the rubbing from massage of course.

"Dear me..... What are you letting this innocent boy do? Mar, grow up!"

"Higii! B-but thunder god-sama should also be doing the same thing that I did in someplace I don't know! I don't feel comfortable around man but my intuition as a woman telling me that! Humph humph!"

"Filianes-sama would definitely do it too right..... but, I never witness her doing that even once....."

Recently, when Filianes-san comes to visit, she always sleeps together with me in the night. At that time, as expected of me, I would always fight a bitter duel with those fluffy marshmallows inside the blanked. Each time, those supple marshmallows would be on the verge of unprecedented danger from the invasion from a being known as me. Okay, that marshmallow here is her breasts. My true intention accidentally spills out.

"I am different from you two. What did you guys thinking making this innocent child to-to rub your breast in front of other people like that?"

"Ah, so you do it that way? Then, okay~. The next time there are orders to subjugate slime then I will ask to not participate because of belly aches"

"Uu..... W-wait! I can let that one slide! Margit! Look at me here! Take back what you just said before!"

"I don't wanna~. But, if I get the permission to sleep together with Hiroto-chan tonight then I will help you subjugates those slime you know~?"

"I-I also wanted to sleep together with Hiroto-chan and have been thinking of asking for permission..... Mar-san, that's cheating!"

But to think that it's a crime when the boy is under 12..... in the previous world even 12 is a total out already. But well, in this world, 15 years old is already considered as an adult so having allowed to perverted things done by the age of 12 is not something strange..... No, that logic is not good either.

"Err, Filianes-san..... Do you, hate slime?"

When I ask that, Filianes-san reacted by pausing for a second. Her reaction can be considered big that I can't help putting out a bitter smile.

"Tha..... Tha-that's wrong! I don't have anything that I hate!"

"Even if you said that, don't you actually totally scared by those slime? When we walk in Mizell forest and found a little green slime on the way, don't you hip

just give out there?"

"Do-do-don't say anything more than that! I am not scared of slimes! I definitely not scared of them in the least!"

That what she says but I can see it. In Filianes-san's status window, I can read it clearly that she is weak against slimes..... Is there, any bad experience she encounters because of slimes?

-- When I think of that, I suddenly remember something. I, in fact, does have one tamed..... slime monster. I've been growing her in secret and she gradually just becomes a strong monster when I realize it.

(Eros: is it just me or I'm going to like this thing related with slime outcome)

"..... If you want to, I have one tamed slime here so you could train with her safely"

"Wha..... what did you say!? You have slime as pet!? Yo-yo-you really, Su-su, sli, sli, sli..... cough cough!"

"Filianes-sama, calm yourself..... It's alright! There is no scary slime close by!"

"I also hate orc~ but I seems like to manage conquering my fear over them just recently~. Because I hit them as hard as I can every time I meet them, I started to think that this bunch of scary orc are actually this weak....."

Mar-san..... She must have killed many orc with an [Over Kill] hit. Her status had turned from [Weak to Orc] into [A Bit Beak to Orc].

To dispel negative passive skills that are related to fear against certain monster, other than repeatedly doing an [Over Kill] hit to them, there is one other way to treat those. And that way is to be in a battle mode condition for a long time with the target monster or, in another word, to become [Used] to them. Also, the said battle condition can also be in the form of mock battle. Because of that, back in the game, I could usually saw people doing mock battle with tamed monster.

"My slime is not a bad slime so it's alright. And even if Filianes-san went panic and damages it accidentally, it could regenerate quickly..... See? To not do training is a bad choice right?"

"Thunder god-sama, I think there would be more and more job related to slime subjugation from now on so I suggest you to conquer your fear as soon as

possible”

“If things continue on like this where Filianes-sama just got completely paralyzed from only seeing a little slime like that and I could do nothing to help..... it makes me feel chagrined as a combat medic”

“Kuh..... Y-you guys really! How much did you want to instigate me against those slimes..... !”

Filianes-san just stands there trembling while her eyes are wet with tears. From when she was 14 year until now, I mostly only see her gallant figure..... Seeing this side of her always tickles my sadistic side as usual..... Wait, what am I thinking? It's not like I'm trying to bully her.

My purpose is ultimately to make her get used to slime, that's all. I can even turn off all of my slime attack arts that could harm her..... But slime also has a status effect attack arts that is non-lethal..... It might be better not to turn off those attack arts. Also, there are also equipment stripping attack arts and other unique special arts but I think turning all of those off wouldn't make this a training at all.

“..... Okay okay, I understand. I am also a knight. I can't always run away from the monster that I'm not too fond with right?”

“So you really not to fond with them right~? Thunder god-sama, when I think it again, I think it's not good to push yourself too far you know~?”

“Yo-yo-you are too noisy! Mar, just remember after this okay!”

“Hiroto-chan, where is that slime now?”

When Aletta-san said that, I silently opened a display window in my mind..... to call the monster that has been tamed by using this function, I can call them from wherever, whenever.

LOG

- You have summoned your guardian beast [Josephine].

“Wh-where is it? Where is that sl.....”

Just when Filianes-san about to say that slime -- at that moment, a loud noise of a large amount of gel-like-substance fallen to the floor echoed inside the training ground.

“Hyaaaa! Th-that surprise me.....”

"Th-that is..... amazingly..... big....."

"That's a no no you know. Don't appear from strange places like that. Even I got surprised by that" I can't help admonishing my guardian slime for her shocking appearance.

The slime gives out a small whining voice like it got dejected from getting scolded. But that makes me get shocked again instead. I never know that a slime can make out voices like that. And its voice is also quite cute.

STATUS

Name: Josephine

Race: Slime Gender: ? Age: 4 y/o Level: 30

Job: Grand Slime

Life: 400/400

Mana: 24/24

Skill:

Slime 62

Strong Body 30

Attack Arts:

Solvent (Slime 10) *Off

Poison Attack (Slime 20)

Destroy Equipment (Slime 30)

Bind (Slime 40)

Entangle (Slime 50)

Steal Equipment (Slime 60)

Passive Arts:

Auto Regen (Small)

Anti-Slash Attack

Anti-Piercing Attack

Weak Against Impact

Weak Against Fire

Weak Against Ice

Anti-Lightning Attack

Anti-Poison Attack

Anti-Paralyzing Attack

Unspent skill points: 90

-- This status really is disaster. I just realize it by now after seeing my slime status that all of Filianes-san specialties are completely nullified by it. I really only realized it just now. I don't have any intention of bullying Filianes-san. Really! I swear from the depth of my heart.

"Hey, isn't that weird? Why did Thunder god-sama is still being calm....."

".....Mar-san, Filianes-sama is..... currently being unconscious..... while still keep on standing"

LOG

- 《Filianes》has encountered a 《Slime》!
- 《Filianes》has fallen into a [Panic] state!
- 《Filianes》has fallen into a [Paralyzed] state!
- 《Filianes》attack power has turned into 0!
- 《Filianes》defense power has turned into 0!
- 《Filianes》is losing her consciousness!

*3 minutes after

- 《Filianes》has regained consciousness.

"..... Haa, haa..... it's big..... it's just too big! Just why..... Do you really want to break me that much..... You really want to break me right!"

(I-I'm sorry Filianes-san..... but, I have to get you conquer your fear against slime no matter what.....!)

Filianes-san's knees are clattering, her shoulder are trembling. There is no power in her left hand which is gripping her rapier and her cold sweat is just like a dam bursting. But even while she is trembling like a fawn that is just being born, she still looks straight to my eyes..... and then, she gallantly smiles.

"But..... Because you have prepared this much for me..... I..... I will..... I will definitely not lose.....!"

-- Grand Slime VS Thunder god Filianes. In this deserted training ground in

Mizell city, without anyone knowing, a grand mortal combat is about to begin

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Chapter 16 – A Kind World

In the Eternal Magia game, amongst all the monster that is tame-able, slime is famous for being the most useless. Goblins can quickly learn [Steal] after being tamed so they are somewhat useful, Orcs is obviously useful as a great meat shield, and the other monsters also have their own easy to understand usefulness. While Slime would only be able to use solvent attack to add 20% more damage, give enemies continued poison damage for 15 seconds, and destroy equipment. Beside they take too much time to be trained until they reach that level, they also beyond weak to impact damage which make them even worse.

(Eros: that's how the raw said. I found those skills great though)

But if you look from another perspective, then inversely, beside impact, fire, and ice attacks, slimes are nigh invincible. With increase resistance support magic, even if that magic couldn't increase its weakness against impact, but the magic still can make slime to get stronger resistance against fire and ice. Because of that reasons, people who use slashing type and piercing type weapon would find slimes to be a difficult opponent to fight. No, rather than "difficult opponent" they are more like a nemesis instead.

"Thunder god-sama~, If you think you can't go any further then please immediately call me okay~? I will quickly help you when you did. Hiroto-chan, is it alright for me to give a beating to it? That slime-chan of yours"

"It's okay if you just give it one hit. Even if you hit it with a mace, it would probably still be alright even if it gets hit 2 or 3 times"

"E-either way why did you call it slime-chan.....? Why did you give that kind of monster a pet name? I am having trouble understanding that....."

"Filianes-sama, it was of course because the slime was the important pet that Hiroto-chan had raised. The way Filianes-sama said it was the cruel one if I had to say"

"H-how could you..... Why did all of you give your support to that slime! How about you put yourself in my shoes?"

LOG

- «Filianess» is getting scared because of the slime.....
- «Filianess» is getting weak in her knees.

O-okay..... even when they still haven't do anything, Filianes-san had begun to tremble in fear. Her knees are just rubbing against each other like she is holding in her toilet need..... Just how bad her condition really is?

“H-hey listen..... Won’t it be better if we stop this now? Filianes-san’s face is totally blue now”

“D-don’t say such stupid thing..... A mere s-s-slime is..... not at all scary for me okay.....!”

“Well said~. She still can put up a tough front like that, just what I expect from the great holy knight. I really respect Thunder god-sama in this aspect of hers”

“Mar-san, If you said too much spite like that, I won’t be responsible if you got punishment when you get back.....”

“Thunder god-sama~ you can do it! I believe that you won’t lose!”

I can just smile wryly seeing how Mar-san changes her stance as easily as reversing one hand like that. Filianes-san timidly pulls out her rapier and faces my slime head on. My slime is also getting into her fighting pose with a jelly like voice coming from its body.

“Hii.....!”

“Thunder god-sama that was a cute squeal..... Even I who heard it feel that my cheek are getting hotter~”

“Well, even if it was me who face that slime, I definitely would still scream once or twice..... That slime is just too big after all”

Reacting to a female saying ‘too big’ really is one pathetic nature of a man..... I suddenly had that enlightenment in this kind of situation. Anyway, I don’t want to make this harder for Filianes-san so let’s just start the mock battle immediately.

(We can only move forward anyway..... following this big wave!)

“Go Josephine! I choose you!”

(Eros: Pok*mon battle start!)

LOG

- 《Josephine》 is attacking!

“Kuh! Kkggh.....!”

That grand slime which is just a big lump of glossy jelly suddenly shows quick transformation movement that is very unexpected from its outside appearance. It grows a tentacle from its body and that tentacle immediately trying to reach Filianes-san while its main body trying to body slams her. Of course I ordered the slime to hold back but it seems that the slime got a bit worked up so from an objective view, its attack seems very ruthless.

“Hiroto-chan really looks lively..... To remember the tastes of teasing an older woman in his age like this..... Uu, please no! if you do it that rough... I... I will break~!”

“Mar-san, I know that you normally would think of lewd things like that occasionally but, could you please be quiet for a moment?”

“I-I don’t think of lewd things~! Don’t spread around weird gossip like I’m sexually frustrated okay!? Because those are definitely wrong!”

“Y-you two, you must think that this disaster is just another person problem so you can talk nonchalantly to each other like that..... Kyaaa!”

LOG

- 《Filianes》 managed to dodge that!

Filianes-san somehow managed to dodge Josephine’s attack with a back step. Hou..... so you are quite capable aren’t you? But let see how long you can keep on dodging with that trembling hip of yours.....? Hey, why did I say something that a villain would say?

“Haah, Haah..... N-now it’s my turn..... Prepare yourself..... I don’t have any intention to even leave your ashes behind.....!”

The slime let out a screeching cry like it is answering her provocation. By the way, the name Josephine was not something that I give to her. She already had that name even before I tamed her. Slime doesn’t have any distinction between genders but I think she should be a female. Just from the name thought, I don’t even know how to differ a slime gender after all.

But Filianes-san burns her fighting spirit too overly scorching hot like that..... and that ‘not even leaving any ashes behind’..... her hate against slimes really

had reached an extreme. If I could, I want to at least make her understand that my slime is not a bad slime.

“Haa..... Thunder god-sama, did you perhaps, going to try using THAT technique!?”

“Hirotchan still haven’t know about it so let me explain. Filianes-sama had already obtained the advanced spirit magic ability. She already had a double magic sword arts combination that is one level higher than [Lightning x Paralyzing x Piercing]..... No, if you talk about its power then that secret new final skill that she creates is even more powerful by a few folds. That’s all for the explanation”

“D-don’t just explain things on the side like unconcerned like that! Listening you make my power fall out more and more..... Ugh.....”

LOG

- 《Filianes》 is fallen into [Fear] state from the slime intimidation.....
- 《Filianes》 attack power is halved!
- 《Filianes》 agility is dropping!
- 《Filianes》 concentration is interrupted!

Her slime-phobia suddenly reacts and gives her multiple status down debuff at once..... so close! She almost manages to cast her new skill if she had another couple of seconds while she was still in a perfect condition without any debuff.

With a boing boing sound that is the special characteristic of the slime, Josephine lowers her attack stance. And Filianes-san who witnesses her jelly body shaking around like that started to tremble on her own.

“Thunder god-sama, from a while ago, each time you tremble like that, your breast is also jiggling in such a boing boing way you know~. Just like that slime that is”

“D-don’t compare me to that slime! Mar, I definitely won’t forgive you..... I will make you cry in regret later, so remember that!”

Filianes-san is pointing her rapier to Mar-san (this is dangerous so good kid please don’t imitate this okay) to intimidate her but Mar-san just whistle while looking to the other way. Those two superior and subordinate relationships

really is a unique one..... This scene is just the very depiction of subordinate dominating their superior.

“Breast jiggling boing boing? What kind of bad things you said in front of Hiroto-chan..... So the gossip about people with big breast is having a stunted brain growth because all that nutrition was directed to the breast instead was right. That must be it”

“I’m not stupid~. My breast is big but I am not stupid~”

“T-that’s cruel! You just ridicule me because mine is small right! I will sue you for defaming my honor!”

Mar-san and Aletta-san getting even more heated up in their argument but I don’t have time to mind them. Just in case (this might be cruel to Filianes-san), I told my slime to put a defense position so she won’t get damaged to badly with Filianes-san’s new killer move.

LOG

- 《Josephine》 is defending.

“Wha.....Tha-that’s cheating! Why did it transform itself into a shape similar to a shield!? Aren’t you just a slime!?”

“Err..... Even slime, when getting stronger, could do various things like this you know?”

Well, in truth, even a level 1 green slime had their own defensive stance but, as they are the one who initiate the attack, they can’t be the one putting defensive stance. And because of that, slime’s defensive stance is something that can only be witnessed once they got tamed.

“To even have talents in controlling magic beast..... Hiroto, just how many times you want to surprise me until you satisfied? Let’s admit it, you have already become more stronger than I am.....uh!”

“Too quick! She just gives up easily like that! The mock battle had just only started you know Thunder god-sama! Get yourself together!”

“That’s right Filianes-sama. If you suddenly got paralyzed when we go on a slime subjugation trip then it won’t be pretty!”

“But... but..... I know you are right, but, I am already..... already.....”

‘Already can’t stand it anymore’ is what Filianes-san wanted to say. Just from

witnessing the slime defensive stance to make her taste so much despair like this..... Did I perhaps overdo it a little? But then again there is no guarantee that Josephine can stay safe when she receive Filianes-san's new final move. So instead I am paying my respect to her by having my slime on the defense. Well, if you look it this way, Josephine probably would be alright.....

"Filianes-san..... I don't want to see Filianes-san get beaten by other slimes. That's why, because we have the chances now, let's train more with my slime"

"I-is that so? Rather than being defiled by other slime you rather defile me by your own..... I can understand your feeling....."

"I'm sorry to disturb you when you are looking all tragic like that but..... Hmm~, why did I feel that if things continue like this then something lewd might happen....."

"What are you saying? Can't you stop thinking of lewd things? This is just a mock battle okay? How could Hiroto-chan order his slime to do something inappropriate to Filianes-sama? Isn't that right, Hiroto-chan?"

"I-I don't understand what are you talking about....."

Well, beside those 'normal' attacks, slimes could do many other kinds of 'special attacks' after all. If I were to test those attack one by one then the scene in front of me would become some disastrous view that I wouldn't dare to describe. But Josephine action is somewhat reflects what I have in my mind. So if I were to think of something 'dreadful' then..... that is indeed a bad thing to do.

"I know about you..... I definitely know about you. I know that Hiroto's is purely trying to help me conquer my phobia against slimes without any hidden motives..... and toward his pure feeling, I have to answer him no matter what.....!"

LOG

- With your presence 《Filianes》 is getting encouragement!
- 《Filianes》 bad status effects seem like going to be cured soon!

(Why you no recover yourself!)

If there is someone who you currently have a high affection point with close by, it was rare but sometimes, that condition will give various good buffs like

recovering all bad status effect, staying alive even when you got hit by lethal attacks, or even simply increase your critical chance. But it seems like the rare buff just now just end up in misfire.

But even so, Filianes-san still hold up her gallant figure and took the piercing attack stance. Regulate her breath to minimize her shivering lips, strain all her might to let her voice out, and finally start chanting the spell clear and loudly.

“O great Father in heavens who govern over the spirits of lightning, let the thunder roar upon this heaven and earth. It’s now time to pass your divine judgment hammer.....! [Roaring Thunder Strike]!”

Filianes-san holds up her rapier high up and then the thunder that she had summoned just before falls to her rapier. The rapier that is now charged with the power of lightning spirit is giving out a bright bluish light while also gives out a crackling sound.

“Ugh..... kuh..... I can’t charge it more than this..... is this the limit for this current me.....!?”

Because her concentration is disturbed in front of the slime, her attack arts couldn’t be executed smoothly. Filianes-san seems to tried using her double magic sword arts but she is failed to enchant her sword with the second magic leaving her sword only enchanted by only a single spell —- But even so, with the enchantment of an advanced spirit magic [Roaring Thunder Strike], her magic sword arts should have a greater damage output than her previous [Lightning x Paralyze x Piercing] before.

“Hiroto..... look at me. As a holy knight, I’ll show you that I will conquer over my fear.....!”

“Yes, Filianes-san..... I am looking”

“A~, Thunder god-sama, she seems like to forget some important things there..... Even if you failed, I~ don’t know anything”

“With this much power, there’s no way the slime can completely nulled her attack. Don’t forget that it was the strongest magic sword art from the strongest knight in the kingdom you know?”

“Uu..... I thought I told you to not make fun at me..... Haaaaa! [Thunder x Sonic Slash]!”

Filianes-san lowers her hip, grip her rapier tight and commence her attack. This is the first time I see that technique..... Well, no wonder, her rapier mastery skill had already exceed level 50 after all.

LOG

- «Filianes» is executing her [Magic Sword Arts]!
- «Filianes» is enchanting her weapon with [Thunder Strike]!
- «Filianes» is using [Sonic Slash] attack arts! [Roaring Thunder x Sonic Slash]

(Such terrifying power..... if it were any other ordinary monster then the damage might reach 4 digit if they got hit by that. However.....!)

Filianes-san attacks with her lightning enchanted rapier in a speed that she had never reached before. And then, when her sword tip finally meets my slime body which already taken defensive position in the shape of shield, it happens.

Boing!

“Wha.... !?!?”

LOG

- «Josephine» has nullified the electric attack.
- «Josephine» has nullified the piercing attack.
- «Filianes» defense has left opened from missing her attack! «Josephine» executes super counter!

The [Thunder x Sonic Strike] that Filianes-san released with all her might is totally ineffective to my slime. Her rapier had stabbed deep within Josephine's jelly body but it doesn't give her any damage at all. And to make thing worse, because of her failed attack, Filianes-san is in no position to defend from the slime counter attack.

If an opponent manages to slip through your attacks, then they might return fire with a counter at you. This is the most basic principle of fighting after all.

“Too bad, but like I said before that is a slime~. I've warn you right? You might do better with a punch instead you know Thunder god-sama?”

“So you say that Filianes-sama should touch that slime with her bare hand that's it? Isn't that a bit.....”

“M-my attack art was..... why my attacks didn't affects it at all? Y-you... you are cheating!”

Filianes-san had already start crying for real so I kinda feel bad to continue with the counter but..... it was a super counter after all. Well, if it was super counter then I can't help it right? It has SUPER in it after all.

"Josephine, counter!"

"Kyui, kyui!" Josephine is giving out a weird squeal to respond to my command.

Josephine tangles Filianes-san's rapier then steal it from her and in just a blink of a moment, her rapier had thrown far away. If a weapon thrown in a rough manner, then I worry it might decrease its durability too much so I order her to throw it 'gently' instead.

LOG

- 《Josephine》 is stealing 《Filianes》 equipment!
- 《Filianes》 weapon equipment is released.

"Aaa..... Give-give it back..... That rapier is, my soul as a knight....."
"I'm sorry Filianes-san..... but it is common for a slime to steal its opponent equipment so I had to"
"So it was not dissolving it instead? In the past, I've witnessed a guy from the knight brigade got his armor dissolved by a slime and got in many troubles after because of that~"
"That was..... definitely not something I would like to see"

Imagining the figure of a robust man giving in to the slime assault..... Um, that's not something I have in demand with anyway.
Anyway rather than that, what would Filianes-san, who had lost her weapon, do after this? If this situation continues then she would not have any other means to struggle against my slime isn't it -- wait, there's only this one way left.

"There is a way to damage my slime even if you lose your weapon you know?"

"Wha-what should I do? I also can't use other elemental magic besides lightning....."

"Then made the match to keep on going as long as she doesn't understand what that method is. Josephine, do get her!"

"E-err..... Mar-san, the danger of demotion is just around the corner so you should take things in moderation....."

While making a boing boing sound, Josephine slowly creeps closer to Filianes-san. Filianes-san can only take a defensive pose while take a step yet another step backward.

“S-sto..... Stop it! Don’t get closer more than that.....!”

“..... Seeing that made me feel a bit sorry for instigating her..... Maybe not. Thunder god-sama~ your legs are all wobbly you know?”

“Doesn’t Mar-san also act like that from only getting a glimpse of an orc, does it?”

“Th-that’s right! Mar fear against the orcs when she sees one is far worse than mine!”

“Hiroto-chan, training should be as rigorous as possible to give the most result. We should act as a devil or she won’t get cured from her phobia. So what other things can your slime do?”

“Wha..... No, wait! That was just a slip of tongue, I’m entirely at fault so I’ll sincerely apologizes for that. So please no, don’t.....”

— Training should be rigorous. That’s right. In real fight, slimes will definitely uses its solvent attack. Even when the wound could be healed with magic, the wound in the heart won’t be easily healed! And I don’t want to let Filianes-san receive a big wound in her heart because she is not ready for that. I won’t let her.....!

LOG

- 《Josephine》uses entangles!
- 《Filianes》is getting restricted!

“..... Le-let go of me..... Kuh... Why can’t I tear this entanglement off..... You... you are playing dirty.....!”

“GO~! That’s it baby! Streak her butt naked!!”

“..... Hiroto-chan, please don’t treat her too rough okay”

My slime entangles itself to Filianes-san’s body and wraps her hands and feet, making her unable to even move. Both of Filianes-san’s arms are tied upward, leaving her protruding breast that is only covered with cloth armor exposed in the open.

(Her pose is just looks like a prisoner being tied up..... Did my slime naturally

do it because her instinct tells her so?)

(Eros: No, she learns it from you)

But to Filianes-san who has a phobia against slimes, is it okay to keep bullying her like this? I got a feeling that rather than curing her phobia, this might scar her with a deep trauma instead.....

"Filianes-san, after another while, I will command my slime to let you go so let's stop our training for today....."

"..... N-No! It won't do any good if we delay this to another time. Didn't I say it before? I..... am thankful that you've done this much to help me so I will definitely not lose!"

"Filianes-san....."

Even when she got completely caught and unable to move, I can still see that the fighting spirits deep in her eyes are still not yet extinguished.

"Kuh..... with just this much of slippery-gooey things, I..... I will not lose.....!"

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LOG

- 《Josephine》 uses poison attack!

- 《Filianes》 is poisoned!

"Yo-you even used poison..... You really are determined to conquer me aren't you..... Ugh, I-I definitely won't lose.....!"

Even though it was just a weak poison, it was caused by the slimy liquid that stick to the skin when one directly touches a slime. And to Filianes-san who got her entire body directly twined by the slime made her whole body assaulted by the feverish heat of the poison. This causes Filianes-san to sweats even more and added with the slime sticky substances, thin parts of Filianes-san's cloth armor starts to looks see-through.

(M-maybe using poison is overdoing it..... but every high ranked slimes would definitely use poison. For the sake of training, it really is a road that can't be

avoided)

“Amazing..... Thunder god-sama, she can still withstand it. If it was me, I can just one punch it dead with my mace though.....”

“To be restrained and get tortured by using poison... this scene is already violates the law of the kingdom but according to what kind of poison that is, it might cause an even bigger offense. I am already lost. Does letting a little boy seeing this scene would give negative impact to his rearing?”

“I-I told you already, don’t just nonchalantly comment on my condition like that..... Ugh, what I’m doing now is for training..... it doesn’t violate the kingdom law in the least!”

Josephine doesn’t have any evil intent but I can understand Aletta-san worries from looking at Filianes-san getting restrained by the gelatinous slime like that. But if we stop now, Filianes-san fear towards slime might become impossible to conquer.

Since she first got restrained by the slime, roughly 3 minutes had passed. But it seems like Filianes-san feels that time had passed much longer than that.

(Brace yourself, Filianes-san. Brace yourself and conquer your fear toward slime)

“Kyui~ kyui~”

“Hii..... don’t let out any sound! Hearing slimes making weird noises like that, send shivers down my spine.....”

“Piki~~!”

(Ah, Filianes-san, that is a bad thing to do.....!)

LOG

- 《Josephine》 is enraged!

- 《Josephine》 is strengthening her [Entangle]! 《Filianes》 is paralyzed!

Slime who had been raised by human for a long time would eventually understand human words to a certain extent. Josephine who seems offended because of Filianes-san careless remark is putting more power in her entanglement which made Filianes-san got paralyzed even without any order from me.

"Kuh..... I-I can't move....."

Just a moment ago, she still can move her body freely to a certain degree but under the slime strong entanglement, Filianes-san movement is perfectly sealed. The effect of paralyze had successfully applied.

"To make Thunder god-sama unable to move at all like that..... Slime-chan, you are really one scary slime.....!"

"..... Mar-san, doesn't you siding more to the slime rather than siding to Filianes-sama? I already remind you many time so don't come crying at me later if something bad happens okay?"

"Aletta-chan, you mustn't mind about such matters for now! In this kind of situation, we need to turn our heart into the devil!"

Filianes-san seems to be able to hear what Mar-san's voice as she shows quite a scary reaction. She gives Mar-san a piercing cold gaze for a moment before concentrating back on her own struggle. T-that was scary..... Mar-san seems to be oblivious of that though. Well, she definitely will face rough time after this.

"I'll remember your word Mar..... I will definitely make you learn what it means by your mouth is the cause of your destruction until the very last detail later....."

"Filianes-san, I believe in you..... I believe that you will definitely conquer this!"

I make a fist and swing it upward to show my support to her. But even if I'm supporting her, my slime is still devotedly do its command — to drive Filianes-san even more until her absolute limit.

LOG

- 《Josephine》is stealing 《Filianes》head equipment!
- 《Josephine》is stealing 《Filianes》shoulder equipment!
- 《Josephine》is stealing 《Filianes》waist equipment!

"Wha-why did it easily slides in and takes my armors off like that.....!?"

(Calm down, Josephine..... leave her lower body equipment alone!)

"Piki~~!"

LOG

- 《Josephine》does not steal 《Filianes》shoes equipment!

"I-its not me..... I'm not the one who commands her to only leave that part of her armor! She should have her reasons!"

(It's actually my personal preferences. I'm sorry)

"When Thunder god-sama let her hair down she really looks erotic doesn't she~..... Just look at that amount of sweat, I will washy washy you after in the bath okay~"

"Mar-san, you better start buttering Filianes-sama up you know.....? If it gone further than this, even I won't be able to help you"

"..... I will..... definitely..... gonna chastise you..... later....."

Filianes-san is getting charged by the power of her hatred towards Mar-san. Thinking about such simple things could led up into a big scale war reminds me of how transient a being known as human is. Well, if Filianes-san knows I've been thinking such things, she definitely will punish me with her lightning magic -- she is the one title thunder god after all.

LOG

- 《Josephine》is trying to dissolve《Filianes》cloth armor!

"!! My, My clothes.....!"

"Filianes-san, don't keep feeling scared toward the slime. They are friends. The slimes are friends!"

"U-uwa..... it dissolves cloth armor like a paper..... Hiroto-chan, will it dissolve her panties too?"

"Eh? It will also dissolve panties too? if that really happened then, going back to Hiroto-chan's home would be troublesome right?"

"Wha-what are you guys talking about!?..... Hi-Hiroto~....."

"It's okay. Even if it really dissolves all, I can quickly go back home to bring some changes"

Even if that clothes armor got enchanted with blessing, it didn't particularly use any special material to make so it can be procured even in Mizell. Well, of course he knows that this was not the main problem that the girls hint of but again, equipment destruction is one of slimes common attack..... something that can't be helped.

"..... So you told me to conquer it right..... Such..... such a trial..... O Lord.....

what does Thy expect from this servant of Yours.....!”

Josephine equipment destruction advances slowly which makes the clothes that covers Filianes-san breast to looks like a spider nest. The cloth armor had already worn out too much that it can even be relied as armor anymore. But even so, the solvent doesn't have any negative effects whatsoever to the skin so it was a perfect attack for training. In fact, getting entangled by slime like that would peel off old keratin cell on your skin which in turn make it look young and springy like the texture of a boiled egg. Well, for Filianes-san who is already had a young and springy skin from the start, the effect can't really be noticed though.

“Ah, you know, it was already much or less become like patch of strings already..... and I don't know why I automatically use polite language now”
“To leave only her leg equipment while slowly dissolves the other part beside that..... Doing such thing..... This kinda make me expect great things from Hiroto-chan in the future but at the same time, I also feel a bit scared”

(I don't care whatever your opinion for me. Filianes-san, break through the shell that limit yourself.....!)

“I..... I am a weak being..... in front of a slime, I couldn't even resist..... Kuh..... Just kill me.....!”

Filianes-san starts to yield herself. Her cloth armor had mostly dissolved showing her pure white undies. Even the neat design of the undies which matches girls her age could be clearly seen. Even if Mar-san looks like that, she wears string type undies while Aletta-san is black laced one. Her appearance is just the perfect holy knight that I envisioned back at the time when I was a high schooler that an intensely feel moved emotionally seeing that.

— Anyway, the training had reached its finale. Please overcome it, Filianes-san.....!

“D-dearest mother..... Fil is a bad girl..... I'm sorry, I'm sorry.....”
“Ah..... that is..... Hiroto-chan, stop! Thunder god-sama mental state had reverts back to that of a little girl!”
“I also beg you to please stop. If it continues like this, I'm afraid that her dignity as a holy knight will.....!”

-- Mar-san and Aletta-san started to look worried and tell me to stop the training. But at that moment...

LOG

- 《Filianes》 has managed to overcome one grade of her fear against slime!
- 《Filianes》 status has changed from [Weak against slime] into [A bit weak against slime]!

Her resistance is getting stronger -- with this, those lethal bad status effects won't occur anymore. But Filianes-san equipment durability point has decreased so much that even a small wind would blow it apart.....!

LOG

- 《Filianes》 was freed from entanglement!

“— HAAA!”

LOG

- 《Filianes》 is attacking barehanded!
- 《Josephine》 is suffering 3 damages!

“Pikiii~~!”

(Wow.....!)

The moment she managed to free herself from the slime entanglement, Filianes-san immediately throw a punch toward the slime. Filianes-san who had a superior strong body skill managed to pierce through the slime defense and give damage to it even without owning any hand to hand combat skill to boost her damage.

“Tha—that’s awesome!..... Thunder god-sama, at last you did it.....!”
“Congratulations! Aa~ just look at you getting all worn out like this.....”
“Haa, haa..... I did it..... I finally, did it.....?”

Her cloth armor which still managed to hold its last line of defense finally got destroyed from the momentum when she managed to escape so she is almost stark nude right now. But what about being naked? The thing that she managed to achieve is so big that it made being nude is just a trivial thing for her now.

“That was amazing Filianes-san. My slime had used all her attacks but you are

not defeated by those”

I kneel myself in front of Filianes-san who powerlessly sit down on the floor to match her eye line. It was the thing that she usually do to me but now, it's my turn to do it for her.

“..... That was dangerous. Y-you will definitely take responsibility for that right? Making me end up in such a shameful sight as this..... I-I already can't.....”

“Usually you could ask the man to take you as his wife right~..... but 4 years old is just too young after all”

“But promising about it from now won't be bad right? Filianes-sama had already did her best after all.....”

We felt that we had achieved something big.

Josephine had already recovered the small damage she took and is now in perfect condition and turns back into her original giant jelly form. She then returns back Filianes-san equipment that she stole before.

“Besides being slimy slimy sticky, slime actually has other hidden quality like this. I never knew that”

“And to think it is still holding back in the fight is really scary right? But it seems to have anger problem. Thunder god-sama only said that its voice is disgusting and it already angry.....”

“Pikii~~!”

“Ah! My tongue slips just..... KYAAAAA, please spare me!”

LOG

- 《Josephine》 is using entangle!

- 《Margit》 is being strangled!

“Hauu, I-I can't move..... S-such power..... this slime-chan..... soo amazing”

Even if Mar-san had gotten restrained like that, she still put on airs, showing that she still can handle this.

Filianes-san weakly stands up while covering her breast and other important places with her hands then some kind of eye signal to Josephine. I am currently looking at her from behind and currently feeling really troubled..... So, this is the greatness of the booties god. I feel enlightened. I definitely can glaringly see

her bottom parts in the open like this so I cover my face with my hands with a big enough gap to secure the sight.

“You’ve been talking many things from behind aren’t you..... Margit. Is there anything else you would like to say?”

“E-eh? Err... that is you know, yes, that is, the thing known as young people foolishness..... I-I’m sorry forgive me! I will do anything!”

“That’s why I’ve been warning you..... Mar-san, please reflect on what you did okay”

“Aletta-chan you traito~r! I will definitely return this resent~!”

And just like that, the chain of revenge expand further..... this is maybe what it called fate. No, Aletta-san did nothing wrong that could make her get resented. The thing is, I never have any intention of using this slime that I personally raise to do mischief like dissolving other people’s clothes or torturing them by slowly damaging them with its poison. The thing that happened to Filianes-san was supposed to be a one-time therapy after all.

But, if Filianes-san wishes for it..... then it can’t be helped, right?

“Mar-san is indeed a bit too much with her mischief right? So let’s make her reflect on her action a bit”

“Hiii~..... Hiroto-chan... even if you said that with such smile... I, uuu, my heart isn’t ready.....!”

“Even I hadn’t enough preparation in my heart. And Mar who look at that unprepared me with ridiculing smile..... My adorable subordinate, I want you to at least understand a bit what I felt at that time. Hiroto, do it”

(Yes, Mam!)

“Hi-Hiroto-chan, that salute movement..... where did you learn that knight brigade style salute movement? Did you copy it from watching us!?”

“She still has excess energy to make more witty remark so it should be fine right..... Hiroto-chan, please”

“Umu. Well, this is a good chance so why don’t you tell Josephine to act freely to what she wants?”

“Yes. Mar-san, because Filianes-san said so..... I’m sorry okay?”

“Eh? Why did you apologize first like that? I can only feel even more

worried about my life you know. Well, rather than my life, should I say the danger that threatens my something precious as a girl? I feel a lot kind of danger coming though.....!"

LOG

- You give 《Josephine》 a command. [Let's do various things!]
- 《Josephine》 is dividing itself

(What? Ah. Ah, I see. Because she finish a match that usually is impossible against a holy knight with many advantages..... Her [Slime] skill is increasing by many folds and finally managed to reach level 70.....!)

"NOOOO~~, more came out more came out! I already can't move fighting one and now another one is coming! Time! Time! Doesn't this impossible no matter how you see? Forgive me! I will do anything!"

"To think that it still hides such amazing power..... Slime really is a mysterious living being. If she done that when fighting against me before, I definitely won't be able to stand here right now"

"Filianes-sama is also become calm when it was not herself that is concerned..... A-are you alright? There are pandas under your eyes"

Filianes-san seems to be exhausted after that trial but, her eyes still giving out a strong glint..... tha-that's a bit scary. If I made her mad right now, even I would meet misfortune.

Well, if you think about how much she had suffered from that practice, her resentment won't cool out for a while. With most of her armor dissolved off like that, she definitely will keep being 'hot' for a while.

"Pikii~!"

"Kyui, kyui!"

"Au, Wai, Ahh, Filianes-sama, help! Help me please! I don't want to die! I don't want to die~!"

Filianess-san, while still being almost nude, walks closer to the entangled Mar-san and put her hand in her cheek. I don't know what she is going to do with that but then Filianes-san just start undoing Mar-san braided hair.

"..... I will let you taste my suffering by folds, and then, let's deepen our understanding against each other shall we, Margit? Huhu"

"Hu, Huhu!? This is the first time I hear you laugh like that! Is it alright for a holy knight to laugh evilly like that? Ah, no, I mean, there are no weird meaning with that evil..... No, stop, ahh, don't touch me!"

LOG

- 《Josephine A》 is entangling 《Margit》.
- 《Josephine B》 is preparing for battle.

"I-I think that such thing as a 2 against one fighting is bad! Ganging on someone is against the code of the knighthood!"

Mar-san tried to use the knighthood code to defend herself but it doesn't budge Filianes-san in the least. Filianes-san with her beautiful face to have such an evil expression like that..... it is really lovely.

"Well then..... what should we start with first? How about taking off all her equipment one by one until all that's left is her cloth armor first? Then while still restricting her movement, the slimes can then slowly dissolve the equipment left behind....."

"..... I will definitely not betray Filianes-sama and I also won't ever tease her! That's why... That's why....."

Aletta is cowering on the floor while praying desperately. Filianes-san is releasing a thick bloodlust aura that even made me hard to breathe..... She must be really angry at Mar-san teasing. She looks just like the demon lord who lords over the slimes herself. So this is how a holy knight look like when she falls to the darkness.....

(Mar-san..... it's alright. With mace as your main weapon, even if you become scared of slime because of this, you definitely would be able to conquer your fear in no time)

"I-if you think I, the knight brigade knight, Margit Clayton, would get defeated by this slime-chan so easily then you are definitely wrong! B-bring it!"

"Well said..... then, let's repeat the torture that I'd received before one by one shall we.....!"

"Kyaaaaa, that's a lie! I was lying! Spare me! Noooo~~~~nnn!"

LOG

- 《Josephine B》 is stealing 《Margit》 cudgel!

- 《Josephine B》is stealing 《Margit》body armor!
- 《Josephine B》is stealing 《Margit》greaves!
- 《Josephine B》is stealing 《Margit》gauntlets!
- 《Josephine B》is using poison attack!
- 《Margit》is poisoned!
- 《Josephine B》is using entangles! 《Margit》is paralyzed!

“D-don’t think that I will yield under such lukewarm torture. I had gotten through a lot hardship in my life after all..... M-my my, aren’t you cute..... Being all bouncy bouncy like that, I bet you will be a great plushie design.....”

“Hou..... your will power is admirable. Well then, I will let you taste it slowly for 30 minutes”

“T-that’s too long! Just make it 10 minutes please! If you torment me for that long, won’t I also become scared of slimes? G-give me back my freedooooom!”

Filianes-san seems to lose her interest in Mar-san (that’s cruel) and walks closer toward me. While combing her long hair upward, she gaze closely at my from a higher line of sight.

“Err t-that..... doesn’t Mar-san practice still on progress.....”

“..... That kind of thing is not important. It was because of your slime that I look like this..... even if it was training, I still need to have you take responsibility for this. Even if Hiroto is still an infant, it doesn’t even matter at all. You understand this right?”

“Y-yes, I also think that I overdid it too much so..... Waa.....!”

When I tried to apologizes, she suddenly hugs me straight from the front. Slime’s exterior is always moist with its fluid so Filianes-san’s chest is also all moist and slippery from being in contact with one.

LOG

- 《Josephine A》is starting to dissolves《Margit》cloth armor!

“M-my clothes is dissolving..... Aha, Ahahaha”

“Filianes-sama, Mar-san is laughing. If things keep up like this.....!”

“Isn’t Mar laughing like that is the usual thing? Why did you become all jittery like that? I am busy healing my heart by borrowing Hiroto’s help so I

leave the rest to you Aletta”

“Eh, N-no, that is, it seems like I am also unable to link my thought to the slimes to give them commands so what should I say.....”

If the slimes got left alone like that, when they done with Mar-san, they might think that Aletta-san is also their practice partner and will move in to destroy her..... Josephine dividing skill would turn back to normal in time but even if she becomes alone again, she could still easily defeat Aletta-san.

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“Fi, Filianes-san..... Mar-san’s training should be enough.....”

LOG

- 《Margit》is become scared of slimes.
- 《Margit》had acquired [A Little Weak against Slime].

“Fumu..... Okay, I understand. I am also not that kind of cruel man. She seems to have tasted twice as much as suffering that I’ve tasted so it would be best to end this. Hiroto, please”

“Y-yes..... Josephine, get back!”

LOG

- 《Josephine A》and 《Josephine B》is merging!
- 《Josephine》is entering standby mode.

Josephine is moving toward the ceiling and passes through the gaps to hide herself. Even with her big frame, as a living being with gel-like substance body, she can easily slips through even the smallest gap.

The released Mar-san had got even her panties to be completely dissolves by Josephine attack.

I tried to not look at her while giving the clothes I wear to cover her hip.

"Hiroto's clothes..... Wha-why didn't you lend that to me?"

"Be-because her panties also got dissolved so..... I'm sorry Filianes-san"

"..... Slime is scary..... slime is strong....."

"I never know that slime is actually a strong monster..... Hiroto-chan, thank you for teaching me that"

The only one who didn't suffer any harm, Aletta-san, is the person who managed to regain her calm the fastest. Mar-san looks at her with a kind of reproachful expression on her face but she had just exhausted all of her strength in the training now and can only lie down powerlessly.

Well, the punishment for Mar-san was an unexpected accident but the bad status [A Little Bit Weak against Slime] shouldn't really affect her much in battle. The important thing is that Filianes-san managed to conquer over her phobia so this training session can be considered as having a great result.



There is no way the girls would wear their metallic armor without wearing cloth armor underneath so I go out to the city to visit Elena-san's shop to buy the necessary equipment then bring them back to Filianes-san and Mar-san. The slippery slime liquid is still sticking on their skin but it was just a mix of water and some gelatinous matter so it won't cause any problem and can be easily cleaned off with water.

"The slimy gel is easily visible so I'm afraid people will look at us with weird eyes..... So let's hurry back to Hiroto's house shall we"

"Okay..... after we reach Hiroto-chan's house, I want to get a bath together with him and have him wash my every nook and cranny....."

"You really are indomitable Mar-san, even after such terrible thing..... Well, even I want Hiroto-chan to do the same to me"

"E-ehh..... It probably a good idea to not talk much about that kind of thing outside my dearest older sisters"

I tried to say it the way an innocent little boy would say it but, the three of them doesn't take back their word. Aletta-san aside, Filianes-san and Mar-san did become the victim of my slime brutality (?) so if they want me to help them wash themselves, I'll be glad to..... Well, actually it doesn't make me feel like

losing anything. In fact it seems like I got many side benefits instead that I start to think whether this is alright or not.

When I reach my home, there seems to be a guest coming. In the living room, there are only Riona and Sarasa-san. I don't see my mother anywhere.

"I'm home....."

"If I'm not mistaken, you should be..... Sarasa-dono, right? I'm sorry for taking Hiroto out for so long, is everything alright?"

"It's alright, I know that he is having a training session with you Filianes-sama. Remilia-san told me that. We are currently waiting for the local doctor to come here"

"Hiro-chan's mother, seems to be feeling unwell....."

"Eh? Mo-mother is unwell?"

Now that it was mentioned, I realized that she is indeed looks a bit weird lately..... I thought that she just catch a cold or something but it seems that her condition is getting worse by the time Sarasa-san and Riona came to the house. I can't help but feel worried and getting restless. But then Filianes-san who noticed me acting strange gently put her hand in my shoulder.

"It was not something you need to worry. Your mother should be alright..... We are also here after all"

"Yeah, thank you Filianes-san"

"Ha~n, Thunder god-sama, could you let me take that role for once in awhile? If it was me, then I will hug him tight from behind you know~....."

"The one who will hug Hiro-chan tightly is me so big older sister can't do that"

"D-don't tell me, you two getting all snuggly wuggly everyday? Riona-chan, if you do such an envious act everyday like that then it will be impossible for you to part yourself from Hiroto-chan's warmth MOGA"

"Mar, be silent for a bit"

"MMmm MMmmmm..... Puha! Th-thunder god-sama, please don't be mad! I will apologize I will~!"

"I am not angry. You really are a disciplined knight back at the brigade but in why did you slack off this much in front of me?"

Well, that probably because Mar-san really respect Filianes-san from the bottom of her heart..... Is what I wanted to say but let's just say it when I grow

up a bit more. If a kid like me saying such a wise line like that, people would only think that I try too much to look like a grown up.

“Ah..... Mother, are you alright!”

Mother Remilia walks out from the inner room with..... eh? The middle aged woman who is with her is somehow familiar. I think I've seen her somewhere.

(Where did I..... or perhaps, did she the woman who were present when I was born? A midwife.....?)

At that time, my eyes can't see things clearly yet. I don't really remember her but..... If I'm not mistaken, even after I born, she still come visiting on regular basis.

A midwife is coming to my house..... doesn't that means...

“Riona-chan, thank you for helping. I am alright now..... Filianes-sama also thank you for taking care of Hiroto. I hope he won't bother you too much.....”
“No no, we didn't do that much. In fact, it was us who should say thank you because we have been under your son care for many things. Even today, we could learn many things all thanks to him”

“Oh my..... Hiroto-chan, you even got the approval of the kingdom's famous holy knight. Hiroto-chan really is amazing as expected”

“Yeah! Hiro-chan you know, is ve~ry amazing you know! Me and Stella-chan and the others are always, always praising him!”

Riona is being proud like it was about herself. S-somehow I feel very embarrassed..... Too much praise really could kill.

Well other things aside, what happened to my mother? What is it that made her feel unwell like this.....?

“Remilia-san, can I say it in front of everybody?”

“If course, let me say it first..... I actually hope that my husband is here but because he has his job then it can't be helped. After he comes back from work, we will discuss about it as a family”

After giving the midwife lady a polite response, mother shifts her gaze to us. And then while being a bit bashful, she gently pats around her belly.

“Remilia-san..... is there, a baby there.....?”

"Waa~..... Congratulations~! Hiroto-chan would have little brother or little sister soon right?"

Sarasa-san and Mar-san are the first to understand the situation. Even Riona who still doesn't know about many things yet reacted when Mar-san said [little brother or little sister]. Her eyes start to sparkle from the joy.

"Fuua, B-baby? There's a baby in the belly? Hiro-chan, a baby! It's a baby!"
"Waa, d-don't suddenly cling on me like that..... Even if there is indeed a baby, it will be a while before it will born you know?"
"Fufu..... Doesn't Hiroto also feel happy? Why did you try to hold that feeling in front of everyone like this? Really boys are"
"Congratulations Remilia-san..... You are still young and yet had already a mother blessed with two....."

Aletta-san seems to feel a deep impression towards the happy event that her eyes become a bit moist. She really is an affectionate person..... Somehow, I also feel like crying from this happiness.

"The fetus is still only 3 months old so until it stabilizes, you need to take as much rest as possible okay?"

"Yes. Thank you very much. I've really been under your care so much since the time with Hiroto....."

Mother wipes the tears that leaking out from the corner of her eyes. I really didn't notice that she had become pregnant from her unusual behavior lately.....

Well, mother should be feeling both happy and worried now. And it is definitely the turn for me and my father to support her.



Mother then receives the blessing from everyone present. She becomes so embarrassed from it yet at the same time, she also looks very happy with it. Her happiness also affects me and made me kinda restless unable to calm down.

And then mother goes to prepare for dinner while keep minding on her stomach. I also wished for reducing her workload so even if I usually don't help her much with chores, I offer my help to her. I am not tall enough so I use a stool to reach higher and help her preparing the ingredients.

And then before getting in the bath with Filianes-san and the other two girls, they get back to their room first while I, father Ricardo, and mother Remilia have a discussion as a family about our soon to be new family member. We sit on a table with me beside my mother and my father is on the other side facing us.

"Wha...t..... Is, is that for real? Remilia....."

"Yes, it's true..... seems like it's already 3 month old. I've been feeling a lot lightheaded lately and it seem like to be caused from low blood pressure"
"I-is that so..... Ah I'm really sorry for not realizing it faster. From now on please, I mean it really, please watch out for your step okay..... but then again, number two huh. Yes yes, number two.....!"

Father seems to be able to gradually digest the situation. He was very surprised at first but it gradually grows into a smile.

And then father stands up from his seat, then take mother hand and says:

"I will work even harder from now on so that you two can live peacefully without any worries. For the sake of this new life inside your belly, Remilia, and also Hiroto, let us work hard together..... Hiroto, come here"

"Yes!"

I also stand up from my seat then walks toward him. Father then pats my head and asks for mother permission whether it is okay if he touches her stomach or not.

"Gently touch it okay. So that the child inside won't get surprised..... That's right, gently like that....."

Mother Remilia's stomach hadn't yet to bulge out to confirm her pregnancy visually. But from the way father touches it, it really gives out the vibes that there is a new life inside.

"..... I also thought of this that time when it was Hiroto's but..... Having a child really is, like having some sort of miracle happened..... A miracle for me and Remilia....."

Father word gradually becomes unclear the more he talks. He even roughly wipes the corner of his eyes in the middle of it. And then after holding the corner of his eyes for a while, he stands up then laughing shyly.

“I’m sorry Hiroto, letting you see that uncool side of me..... Yet I always taught you that as a man, we are not supposed to cry easily”

“Oh darling you really are..... I think it is okay to cry from happiness at such times like this you know? You don’t have to put up a strong front like that”

“No, I can’t. Just look at Hiroto, isn’t he very calm? I also had to brace up myself right? Really, which one of us is the mature one here..... Sometimes, I even see Hiroto as someone very dependable”

“Dad, there’s no such thing like that. I think that it is daddy that is even more dependable”

“I-is that so..... hey, why did it sound like I’m making you say that? I’m sorry, you boys should not yet needed to think of other people feeling”

Father is patting my head while feel a bit embarrassed. Mother who is watching our conversation from the side gracefully laugh with her hand covering her mouth.

“This is your number two child you know Ricardo? We must thank the great goddess for bestowing such miracle to us”

“Of course. Tomorrow let’s go to the church together. It seems like that Hiroto is quite in good term with the nun Sera-san”

“Let’s go then. I’m sure Sera-san will be happy to for our visit”

The three of us laugh together. Everyone in the family must’ve imagined about the new 4th member of the family that would soon join them here.

— in my previous life, when my mother was pregnant with my little brother, I was also gather with my family to talk about the new family member and waited for him to get born with much anticipation. And that little brother of mine grows up as a sociable person and walks a totally different path from me in his life. He also willingly becomes the hope of my parents while I..... forgot the feeling I had when waiting him to born and become jealous at him instead. Now, when I’m already no longer there, I hope that he can get along with my parents and live well.

In this lifetime, I am determined to not be jealous of my little brother or little sister soon to be. I want to live my life here as the respected older brother.

“Another 7 months to go eh..... I have to start thinking for the baby’s name

right. Hiroto, you also think of something okay?"

"What about asking for the gods again for a name like when it was my time? I think that is the best"

"Huhu..... look at you, you already act like an older brother haven't you? With Hiroto as this baby's older brother, this baby will definitely feel safe to be born to the world right?"

My name was presented by the gods which means that this name is what the Goddess gave me -- it somehow tailored to be like that. In this world, although it might not everything, the Goddess seems to bestows name to many people and things. When I thought that way, she really seems to get the knack in giving names.

-- And then, the one that I thought off about, the [Goddess], does she herself has her own name? -- If I have another chance to meet her, I would like to try peeking to her status.



In my family, a new family member will soon come. When I tell this news to my friends, they also feeling happy like it were them who will get a little sibling. Since mother pregnancy revealed, 2 months had passed -- another 5 months and the baby will surely be born.

With each passing days, while I live each day to the fullest as usual, I keep longing for our new addition in the family all the time.

In the back of the house, on the hill where I can look down on the whole town, I am playing there with my friend. There are Ash, Deen, Stella, Milty, Riona, and of course me. A total of 6 little kids.

"Hiroto, you are lucky..... You are going to be an older brother right? I also want a younger brother or sister myself"

Deen doesn't have a mother. I don't know whether his mother had passed away or maybe there are other reasons and I try not to pry too much but, from what I heard, each time I heard someone mentioning her, I get the impression that she is already no longer in this world.

That's why, at that time 2 years ago, Deen was so desperate in trying to get back the hat that his mother gave to his father by whatever means he could.

When I learned that fact, I quickly say sorry for him for saying ‘I don’t need this thing so you can have it’ when I return the hat to him and he easily accept my apology.

“Aren’t Deen also already an older brother here? Look, you already have younger brother and sister here right?”

“N..... W-well, that might be so. But, but when you say it like that, I somehow feel embarrassed.....”

“If Deen is alright with it, I also feel that Deen is like my real little brother sometimes. Well, Deen is stronger than me though” Ash is also chipping in the conversation.

“Ash-older brother..... T-thank you. Well, no, I’m only just saying that you know. You don’t need to take it seriously”

Deen is laughing it out. But I can see the longing in his eyes when he sees me. This made me remember my past life again.

When my little brother just got born, when my friend who is a single child, Kyousuke heard that, he tells me that he is envious of me.

— And then my little brother who excels at being sociable, has good grades, and is also good at sport admires Kyousuke when he got bigger and join the soccer club where Kyousuke belonged too and become his ‘younger brother’ in name. My little brother always says to me [Oniichan could also can do many things if he try. I know it] but for me, he is a too much perfect little brother.

“..... Milty also, wants to become Hiroto’s younger sister”

“Eh..... that is.....”

“Riona also wants to!”

Riona always tries to compete with everything that Milty says. And that is not because they don’t have a good relationship with each other, it instead can be said that it was because they are just too close with each other that they become like this. I somehow realize that their feeling about me seems to have many similarities with each other.

“But I don’t think that I want to become Hiroto’s real older sister”

“Eh? Why is it? Stella-nee?”

When Riona ask for her reason, Stella’s cheek is getting redder slightly. She

who almost became a 7 years old, among us kids is the tallest — This might be that thing with little girl has a faster growth period or something like that.

“If I become Hiroto’s older sister then, in the future..... I can’t get married with him right?”

“Ah..... Mi-Milty also, with Hiroto..... Married..... get married.....?”

“..... Riona is.....”

Milty seems to not yet understand what getting married is while Riona..... seems to be understand but she is really embarrassed by it.

But even so, even if I know that Riona is totally attached to me, I still haven’t decided what I will do for the future.

— Even if I become an adult, I will keep on protecting Riona. Even if I decided to do so, it doesn’t mean that we need to be tied by that kind of relationship.

Mizell town doesn’t have that many children but, even with her charm being sealed, Riona still has her beautiful look that could already charms all the boy who sees her. Even if she were still a 4 years old little girl, Riona already has the looks that could stirs up the heart from the opposite sex.

Ash and Deen seems to think that I will always be with Riona even until far in the future as they noticed that we spend a lot of time together. That’s why they can see Riona as only a friend. If I don’t exist here, they probably couldn’t help but to act like the other boys.

But seeing her growing up daily into a blooming flower from up close like this, I don’t deny that I might someday had my heart moved by her.

With the days pass by, she grows to be more and more similar to Hina. But she is more beautiful and cuter than Hina as a little girl.

I wish to protect her. Because I think that, it is only I who can protect her..... That might be just me being haughty but for now, I think it’s alright.....

“Hey Hiroto, when your little brother or sister get born and grow big enough to play, let’s teach him or her all about our secret playground okay!”

“Of course. While he/she still too little it might be dangerous but when he/she gets bigger let’s do it”

“Hahaha..... If he/she happen to be similar to Hiroto who runs around everywhere as a two years old, we might get to play with he/she faster than

expected”

“I also want to read some book to your to be little sibling. I will study a lot and become a private teacher. Hiroto, that is alright, right?”

“Riona and Milty-chan also want to teach Hiroto little sibling too..... Milty-chan, want to study together?”

“..... Okay. Hiroto also, study together”

Inside the atmosphere where time seems to be walking on a leisure pace, I resolved my mind again. I already don't want to repeat the same mistake that I've done ever again.

I have friends, trusted people, and I even have people I admire..... I also have people I think I want to protect. And ultimately, I have the power to protect them now.

(..... Just be at ease and get born in this world because this world is a kind one)

In the grass plains on top of the hill, I close my eyes while lie down atop of the soft grass carpet with that kind of thing floating in my mind.

Chapter 17.1-2 – Disillusion

Since mother's condition of having the life of our new family member inside her belly came to light, 4 months had passed. But unfortunately, when her pregnancy enters the 7th month, mother suddenly collapses while doing chores in the house and is now hospitalized at the local medical facility.

"I'm sorry to make you worry, Hiroto. Ricardo, don't worry too much about me and go to work okay. I have the midwife helping me here so there should be no problem you know"

"Nope..... For today, let me accompany you. Hiroto, daddy will be here helping your mother so you can go out to play you know. Riona-chan and your other friend will be feeling lonely without you won't they?"

"No, I want to be with mother"

Usually, I would mostly spend all day outside home but fortunately, when mother collapses, I was at home when the accident happened so nothing serious happened to my mother and her pregnancy. Mother was completely passed out at that time so she shouldn't realize that it was I who carry her all the way here. No normal kid could carry a pregnant woman safely like how I do after all.

When we asked the healer at the medical facility about her examination result, he is looking at us with a smile but, that smile is somewhat spiritless, not like his usual cheerful smile from the bottom of his heart.

(..... I'm worried about mother. But of course father is also the same)

Mother Remilia occasionally would get sick with the cold from time to time but she would always only says [I'm alright] to me every time I ask her. Father seems to understand how mother feels, she just don't want to make me feel worried so she won't say anything.

-- The fact that my current body is still that of a child is making me vexed. And I am not allowed to say that vexed feeling out loud so all I can do is only holding my mother's hand tightly.

"Thank you..... you are such a good kid. Did you inherit that from your daddy maybe?"

"No, he is similar to you Remilia. Just look at Hiroto now, even at this age, he is already a lot more composed than me"

"Huhu..... that's seems to be true. If Hiroto becomes an older brother he definitely will becomes more dependable right? Well, Ricardo darling is also dependable"

"Hahaha..... am I just an extra? Well, in front of Hiroto almost every adult would lose their face in term of maturity"

Father is laughing while patting my head. But the way his hand pats me is somewhat losing his the cheerfulness he usually have.

His hand is slightly trembling. I also strongly think that even if I am still a kid, I have to help support my father too.

When mother falls asleep, I told father that I will go out to play for a bit then go out to roam the town.

My destination is grandpa Bardis's workshop. He is the blacksmith that I know since I was two years old. At first, he made me a toy-like small ax for me as I was still 2 years old at that time. He gave me that ax two years ago as a present for me who are the son of a lumberjack. At first it was very toy like but now the size had increased so it become just as big as one handed ax now. I ask him to make me an ax for battle purposes with the pretense that I want to try study about hunting from Monica-san.

But when I ask grandpa Bardis to do maintenance for my ax, he noticed that the ax that I use doesn't have any sign of neither had been used to cut wood nor to hunt, but it had sign of wear from being in a fight with monsters instead. Because I already tell the truth to my father, I also tell the truth about my situation to him and from then on, I have asked him to give my ax a seriously upgrade for its fighting power.

"Gramps, are you here?"

"Oo, so you've come, Hiroto boy. About the ax that you entrusted to me though....."

"Is it done? Or, is it ends up in failure.....?"

When you upgrade a weapon, there are only two possibilities. Those were

either success or failure. Each time you successfully upgrade a weapon, a +1 number will be added to it. And each consecutive successful upgrade will rank up the weapon by +1 so it will become +2, +3, and so on. Even if a weapon only upgraded with +1, its performance is actually raised by a lot from its original state. When it reaches +3 then the performance increase will be two fold, +5 will be 3 fold, and +7 will be 4 fold. But each time you upgrade a weapon, the cost for both monetary and raw material will be enormous. Adding to that, once you reach rank +5 in upgrade, the material needed for upgrade become even scarcer that collecting them all would spend even more time and money. Thanks to Meruone-san and Elena-san's help, I managed to expand my intelligence net across all the merchant shop in Mizell town so I could grasp the circulations of goods in the city. But even so, it still took many efforts for me so that if this upgrade turns out to be a failure, the next time to challenge the upgrade again will be a whole lot further in the future.

The upgrade that I ask grandpa Bardis to do this time is to upgrade my ax, Doverg small ax, into +7 rank. Doverg is the name of grandpa Bardis race name, it was an old language to call the dwarf. The ax was created by using the dwarves traditional layered forging technique as its base and by adding other rare metal to the ax, I ask him to attempt strengthening the ax even more. Ax is already complete as a weapon even without any + in the upgrade rank so strengthening it beyond that is already a hard task to do. Even grandpa Bardis whose smithing skill is already reached level 70 would fail most of the time. The success chance is only less than 10%..... But.

Grandpa Bardis who never ceases his good natured old man smile is handing my ax back at me with a smile that is somewhat brighter than usual.

"Uwaaa..... A-amazing! Gramps, thank you!"
"Umu, it is also been a while for me to experience this being-completely-dried-out-of-energy kind of sensation. But then again your ax is already, can't be said as suited-for-child anymore..... Be it the one who use it, or the time spent in taking care of it, this weapon is already a weapon befitting to be used by a hero. Hiroto boy, how did you managed to collect all those material I wonder"

To make the rare metal ingot to upgrade the weapon, first you need to collect the ore then ask for an alchemist help or I can train the transmutation skill

yourself to purify the ore into an ingot. But those ingot would sometimes appear in the market from the magician city Far Jielin where the alchemist gather together to create an alchemy industry. Those ingots then will reach the capital city as valuable goods. Elena-san who is well known by the merchant in the capital city luckily managed to seize some of the ingots for herself. But well, I can't just personally go and pay that kind amount of money by myself so I ask Monica-san to pay those ingots for me — I really don't know where to start thanking her for all her help.

"Even Ricardo only bring a weapon that is a few rank lower than this. I also actually don't want to give such powerful weapon to a child like you you know?"

"..... Yeah, I know. I'm sorry gramps, to ask for the impossible. But, I....."

"Hoho..... No, I don't have any intention of scolding you. What kind of person Hiroto boy is, I think I have witnessed your conduct enough to draw a close conclusion. You should have some objective that is very high and far in the eyes of common people right? and your drive to move forward is very dazzling even for this old man who doesn't have much time remaining to live"

The lifespan for a dwarf is around 250 years and grandpa Bardis had used up most of it. When he was young, he was also an adventurer. He had been traveling around the world spreading his heroic tales while also helping his party member maintaining their equipment. And such veteran warrior calls me as a dazzling existence. While I think of it as an honor, I also can't help but getting my body tightened from the tension.

"Gramps..... thank you. I will definitely not gonna use this to do evil things"

I take the ax from grandpa Bardis. Even in the game that I play before, Eternal Magia, there were not that many players who have a +7 weapon like this. There was a plan to increase the maximal upgrade rank to +10 but it was still yet to be implemented. Well, after all a +7 weapon is already very rare that it was even called as a divine armament. And for me to acquire such kind of weapon now is because of all the things that I have piled up until now.

Even for just a bit, I want to become even stronger. Even when I fight monster or when I train myself, I always keep my wish to become stronger in my mind. My strong body skill had reached level 70. I also keep on training my other skill

continuously so it might not be an exaggeration if I say that I am the strongest person in Mizell town.

And then now I have this +7 ax in my hand. My battle prowess is yet reached a new height.

— [A human child. Not, the demon lord.....]

It was all for the sake of overcoming my fear against that word that is left behind by the sovereign dragon who took form as a little girl.

I am literally, in real meaning, trying to overcome my limits. The current me now doesn't even have the qualification to reach that stage yet.

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- You have acquired [Doverg small ax +7]

“Hiroto boy, please stay at your mother side as much as you can. Having the desire to get stronger is good but, life is not all about that. Pepping up your family is also one of your duties you know?”

“Yes..... I understand. Grandpa Bardis, I probably won’t come to visit for a while but I will definitely come to visit again later”

“If you have any troubles you can come here anytime. What I can do is limited but I’m not living a long time just for show. I might not be as knowledgeable as the Witch of Mizell but I still have many things that I can teach to you”

After saying that, Grandpa Bardis extend his hand to me. For the dwarf race, offering to shake hand with their dominant hand, which can also be said as their life as an craftsman, is the greatest way to show their affection to others. After shaking hand with his hand that is almost as hard as a rock, grandpa Bardis nods a few times before sending me out.



For the sake of tending my mother, me and my father decided to stay in the medical facility for the time being because mother practically could not leave her bed at all now.

To give birth a child in this world where medical science is lacking, that much resolution is needed. Even in my previous life, when my mother was pregnant with my little brother, her health had violent undulations. She would get sick a few times and ultimately even got hospitalized for a month. Even when my little

brother already got born, she could not leave the hospital immediately.

In this world, in exchange for the lacks of medical science, there is healing magic for that purpose — but healing magic is also not omnipotent either. Sarasa-san also tried her healing magic to mother hoping that she could get better with it but the result are not that good.

"Hiroto-chan, you don't need to get worried. Remilia-san should be okay you know"

"The Goddess shall grant her protection upon Remilia-sama..... and also the yet to be born baby too"

When I temporary return back to my home, Sarasa-san and Sera-san are coming to look after me. Riona and the other friend also have come visiting my mother a few times, they really are worried about her. And each time they come, mother would always smile like when she is still healthy and tell them her gratitude for visiting.

— Bit by bit, my worry grows larger. Mother's expression when she said she is alright getting more and more fleeting as the day passes.
And then, from the action of the adult around, even if they don't say it out loud, I could understand one thing: the fact that mother's condition is really bad. Even my strong father hardly managed to hide that fact, how could other adult could hide it?

"Hiro-chan....."

"..... I'm alright. Riona don't have to feel worry about it"

"Yeah..... but....."

Riona is also feeling the loneliness inside the house where my mother is not around. If at such time I don't act strong then Riona would also feel the burden in her heart.

"Sarasa-san..... I am alright. After I done tidying up the house, I will go back to the medical facility to be with my mom"

"I will help you then. After all, I can't do anything to help anyway"

"..... Hiroto-san, you can act more spoiled in front of us adult you know. We will always welcome you if you want to"

Sarasa-san and Sera-san, and then Tanya-san trio also, they must've think that

I will be feeling lonely so they come to visit me.

We all want to believe that my mother will safely give birth to her baby and then regain her health again.

That's why I won't let myself get depressed from worrying too much.

I keep thinking like that until a few days passed.

I keep make myself belief, just keep believing blindly.

I try to keep myself to believe that this world is the absolute kind world.



— But then that accident happened.

2 month before the estimated delivery day, mother fall into a coma and won't wake up.

I was told to wait outside the medical facility but I just can't help being curious so I use my stealth skill to sneak into the diagnose room and eavesdrop the dialogue between the medical worker and my father about mother condition.

"If things continues like this, the mother and baby will be in a dangerous state. You need to choose between either Remilia-san or the baby inside her stomach, also, even if we managed to save them, there is a high chance that a serious after-effect would occur"

"How can that be..... Could you please do something about it? My wife, Remilia is.....!"

Father is unable to hold back his emotion and pressing the medical worker. That medical worker is a middle aged man healer with half of his hair is already turned white..... and beside him, is the figure of the familiar midwife. She looks at the dialogue between father and the medical worker with a grave expression.

The medical science in this world doesn't advance further than the earth's middle age level. They even don't know what exactly happened to mother. Since the time I reincarnated here, this is the first time that I longed for my old world. I just can't help feeling like that knowing the real condition now. If we have the earth's sophisticated medical science then perhaps, there might still be a way to save my mother and the baby inside her belly without hurting them too much.

Well, I know that even the earth's sophisticated medical science is not

omnipotent either. But those technologies can tell the baby's gender while the baby is still inside the mother belly. And more importantly, it can tell what is wrong with the pregnant woman easily. It was something that had far surpassed this other world.

"While Remilia-san still had the vitality, there is still something we could do. But either way, it will put a lot of pressure to the mother's body and I definitely can't recommend it"

".....Whatever is fine..... If you could help her then I will do anything for you. Please save my wife..... I beg you.....!"

"Ricardo-san, please calm down!"

My father is grasping at the healer shoulder and shaking him violently but thankfully the midwife is there to stop him. My father who is at the edge of losing himself managed to regain some sense and continue talking with the healer while shivering.

The healer told father about a way to save the baby inside my mother's belly by using a certain kind of operation. Or if father chooses to save mother, then even if mother is saved, the baby will be at risk of dying. The healer slowly explain it all to father.

But father, even if he is nodding to the healer explanation, is already at his limit to retain himself.

Father who walks out from the medical facility found my figure. His eyes are all red but he is still forcing himself to smile and hold out his hand to me.

"Hirotō, today, let's go back home. I will come back to mother's place after but you should get some rest okay"

"No, I want to, be together....."

Be together with mother. When I'm about to say it, father's expression crumbles.

But father doesn't cry. He pushes aside all his emotions right now and look at me straight in the eye.

"..... I understand. Then come back again tomorrow morning..... You can do it right?"

“..... Yes, I got it”

The reason of why he doesn't bring me together with him now, I could understand it that it pains me.

Father wants to be together with mother, just the two of them. He wants to let her know about what happened to her, and what going to happen from now on.

(Eros: the raw said so. It might be that she is awakened, or Ricardo only wants to talk to the unconscious Remilia)

Father told me to sleep but I just can't feel sleepy. And after a few hours, I managed to fall asleep for a short while.

When I sleep, I saw mother in my dream. It was like a memory with her from the time I was born until now.

— Oh my, Hiroto, you seems to be surprised of something? or did your tummy feel hungry?

— Yes, this kid name is Hiroto..... the child that has been granted for me and Ricardo.

— There's nothing bad about it isn't it? Mommy is your mother after all.

Mother Remilia is always kind. Even if I troubled her, she just brush it off as what a child would normally do and smile at me in the end.

Father Ricardo always seems happy when he sees mother's smile. And in turn, when I see the two of them happy like that, I will also feel happy.

I thought that this happiness would continue on forever.

I should be able to do something to prevent things going this way. But...

“..... I, have done nothing.....”

It was just the same as my previous life. I can't do anything filial to my mother even until the last moment.

All I've done to her was only making a picture of her when I was in kindergarten

and giving her messaging coupons when I was in primary school. But even with just those boring things, my mother was really happy receiving them. Even when I started becoming a shut in, my mother still keeps those things with her.

I can't do anything besides believing, believing that my mother will be alright. That she will once again smile like she usually does. All that I can do is to just believe at that illusion like a fool, because that is all that I can do now.

After seeing such empty dream, I am awoken inside my dark room. But even so, all I can do is just open my eyes and live on emptily as I can't do anything to the hollow inside my heart.

I can't even cry. That feeling keeps sticking in my throat torturing me with intense pain without a way to force it out.

-- And eventually, that feeling turned into a violent anger.

For what sake did I receive this power and then get reborn in this world? Is there really nothing that I can do to solve this problem?

After pondering about it for a long time, I suddenly remember something that I heard while walking my life this far and it lit the fire of hope inside my heart.

[— About that mandragora that thy uprooted, actually, it is also used to create a nostrum. It could cure all kind of sickness and it could even revive a near death person completely. The absolute secret in the pharmacy world..... the wonder drug known as Elixir--]

"Eli..... xir....."

It was the quest that has been requested by Obaba-sama Neris as the prerequisite to learn advanced level spirit magic from her. I've been collecting the ingredient for making Elixir bit by bit after that but Obaba-sama haven't tell me one last ingredient needed. She said that it was still too early for me to know.

"That's right..... if it is Elixir then..... definitely.....!"

I jump up from my bed abruptly like getting shocked by electricity.

I prepare myself to go out to visit Obaba-sama in her witch's hut. And then when I left my room in the second floor to get down to the first floor — I accidentally noticed something.

I noticed that there is a flow of cold air circulating inside the house. And that source of cold air is coming from the basement. The door to the basement room is left open —!

(..... Who is it..... father.....!?)

I have to go to Obaba-sama's place as fast as possible but I can't just leave alone the thing happened in front of me. I then use [sneaking] before entering the basement because the one inside might not be my father after all..... In case the one entering are people that know about the existence of the demon sword and have evil intention with it, I could sneak from behind to ambush them.

After I walk through the underground passage that I passed only once in the past when I was still a baby, I reach the area located under the church.

What I see there is the figure of my father who brandished the demon sword in his hand.

(.....!?)

I have to stop him, I have to call out for him. Those are what I thought the instant I see this situation but before I could act, father is about to slam the demon sword which is still sheathed in its scabbard to the floor.

“..... YOU PIECE OF SHIT.....!”

But father couldn't follow through his action. He then falls to the floor in his knees, and powerlessly looks up to the ceiling.

“Demon sword of Calamity..... If such things didn't exist..... If such things never exist.....!”

I don't know whether there are connections between the demon sword and mother's present condition. But father seems to be unable to bear with the feeling anymore.

The one he loved is in the borderline of life and death. He can't bear to not vent out that indignant feeling when facing such reality.

If, something bad really happened to mother..... father will likely to change and won't return from the good natured man he is now.

At first, I plan to return the favor of nurturing me up when I turned into an adult because I thought that my two parents definitely won't accept it if I haven't yet to reach the age.

— But if that to be the case then, it will be far too late.



Next day, early in the morning, in the outskirts of the town close to the forest, I pay a visit to Obaba-sama's hut. And the one who opened the door for me is Milty who are still rubbing her eyes from being just waking up from sleep.

And then, when Obaba-sama looks at my face, she shakes her head and turns around to show me her back.

“..... I will not teach you anything. Hiroto, no matter how strong you are, there are still things that are impossible for you”

“I need elixir no matter what..... I want to save my mother!”

“Hiroto.....”

Milty is getting oppressed by my ghastly expression and getting all teary eye because of it.

I know that I made her scared like that but I just can't give this one up.

“That one last ingredient..... no matter how difficult that last ingredient is I don't care, please tell me! Please, I beg you!”

While knowing that it is meaningless no matter how I beg, I still kneel down and rub my temple against the ground.

“..... No, Hiroto.....!”

Seeing that, Milty quickly approach me and tried helping me to lift my head up. But even if I know her goodwill, I still won't raise my head.

“I..... I thought that, I could do anything. There is nothing that I can't do..... I even have the power to protect the one important to me. And I thought things will continue on happily like this forever.....”

Obaba-sama is keeping her mouth shut. But she still stands there..... So all I

can do is to let out all my feeling to her no matter how unsightly I become or how poor my choice of word will be.

I don't keep anything hidden. I just let out words after words according to the feeling that I have in my heart..... And it is ironic that I could say this much of things because of such situation.

"But in reality, I am not..... I am still a kid. I can't do anything..... But If things continue on this way, I can't save my mother..... I don't want to let her die without doing anything. I definitely don't want that.....!"

If I don't do anything for her, I will definitely regret being born here. And the happiness that I had piled up till now, everything of it, will definitely be gone. Be it father, and also mother.....

"If I can save my mother by praying, then I will pray without stopping for her..... But, she won't be saved that way. And now, while knowing there is another possibility to save her, I just cannot not do that. If I don't do anything then I will regret it more than dying..... that's why.....!"

The pain in my throat surpasses the limit it can take. The coarse scream that I keep on yelling cannot continue longer than that.

I don't have any intention to keep on telling her about my feeling. Obaba-sama also wouldn't want to keep on listening to a kid's complain right?

-- Right. There is no reason for her to listen.

"Obaba-sama....."

Milty said that in a surprised manner. Because after all, on top of my head who had just complained like a kid, Obaba-sama warm hand is currently there, gently patting me.

When I raise my face, Obaba-sama is looking at me with the same gentle eyes that she used when she is looking at Milty.

"..... Don't say the impossible. It might simply be called as an ingredient but that ingredient might even kill you..... Isn't that what would make Remilia and Ricardo even feel sadder? Doing that would only like step on Milty's, other children, and also other townspeople's feeling who loved you, you know?"
"But..... but, I am....."

When I tried to push it further, Obaba-sama is hugging me gently. I can feel her boundless gentleness and warmth in her hug.

"I told you once about Milty's parents and said that they have already died but that was not the truth. And there is a reason of why I won't tell her the truth because I am afraid. If I told her the truth, I might only lead Milty to her death. In order to protect one's family or one's loved one, people can easily throw their lives while they are also doing that without thinking about the feeling of those left behind"

"..... Obaba-sama"

Milty is also listening to what Obaba-sama had said beside me..... but unexpectedly, she doesn't look that surprised hearing that. Has she already know about her parents or hasn't she? But it seems like to Milty, rather than the news about her parents, my situation are far more important. She should be worrying herself first rather than worrying about myself.

"..... That's not true. Hiroto won't do such heartless thing..... He only wants to save his mother"

"..... I know that. That's why I said he is such a sinful child. You really mature too quickly..... that I could predict that such things like this would occur sooner or later"

Obaba-sama puts her hand on my shoulder. And then, after a moment of hesitation, she start telling me about [The last ingredient].

"The ingredient for Elixir..... Phoenix's feather, Basilisk's reverse scale, 1000 years old Turtle's tail, The liquor of the gods Amrita. And the last one..... is the [Crystallized Dragon Tear]. It is the crystallized tears that is coming from a high ranked dragon"

Perhaps, this fate has been decided since that day.

Since the day when I met the Sovereign Dragon in the form of a little girl, it has been decided that if I don't meet her again one more time, I will be fated to not be able to progress further ever again. I can't avoid it. From the very start, I already can't avoid her.....

From the time I first meet her, 2 and a half year had passed. Just like me, the

sovereign dragon should also have that much time to grow. I don't know how much stronger she becomes now. I don't know whether my own growth could overtake her for a little bit or it might be that she's just already leave me far behind.

In Eternal Magia, even if you can respawn after death, there is no way to resurrect dead people.

And in this world, there is a high probability that you won't get respawned like that in the game once you died.

(Death..... If I were to die a second time, I.....)

Hoping that the Goddess would give me a second life seems like just being overly optimistic.

And even if that is possible, there's a big chance that I won't live as Hiroto Siegrid any longer and would start living as different person. If the Goddess doesn't give her capricious favor to me at that time, I might have already experienced the real world after death that other person experienced.

"In the depth of Mizell forest, there is a cave. And in the depth of that cave, it is said that there is a nest of a dragon..... But along the way to there, there are flocks of monsters guarding it and their strength is not comparable to those monsters living outside the cave. It is the lizardman and drake races. The dragon uses both races as their retainer to help them protect their treasure. They are being used as watch dogs. Even if you manage to reach the cavern, you might not be able to see the dragon"

Lizardman, Drake..... when both monster race reaches high enough level, their battle power can no longer be categorized as small fry mob any longer. In the game, only whimsical high level player would face them solo. Even I need to party up with member of my guild to hunt them.

They are not a boss monster yet even a single small mistake could become fatal when fighting them. Well, in MMO games, those kinds of guy are in hordes. There's even a monster that can only be defeated if you have a party with standardized roles and always do all the action in prearranged order. The difficulty level in Eternal Magia has been set in a very balanced way so that it could still barely enable people to play solo.

— My party members in this world definitely have enough power to face against lizard mans and drakes. But with the dragon existence to consider, bringing them together with me are out of the question.

If I have to go, I will go alone..... The only one that I will bring with me probably just only the slime. Well, even if I tried my hardest to reach the very depth of the cave, there's no guarantee that I will find the dragon. Just like the last time when I met her outside, she might leave her nest for some times and I would be daring the danger of going there for nothing.

But then again, dragons won't move around much from their territory unless there are reasons for it. That was the information that I manage to get from the little amount of words that Yuisia's said that day.

(She said that she needs to protect her treasures..... So that means that she will always stays around there. Yuisia location will definitely be, her dragon's nest.....)

“Hiroto..... Bring me too.....”

“..... Obaba-sama, make it so that I never asked anything..... Even if I somehow managed to get that crystallized dragon tear later, that would be just by chance”

“..... I know that you would say that. Really..... you don't act like a little kid at all”

I don't go to the nest of the dragon because Obaba-sama tells me to. Instead, it was because I wanted to go there myself. I have to make that the fact no matter what.

I will definitely return home alive. But no matter how much I tell myself that, I am the one who know how hard the truth is.

A high ranked dragon, Yuisia, is a being that even if I exhaust all my abilities right now, there is no guarantee that I could defeat her.

— But even so.

“Milty..... I'm sorry for making you worry. But I can't bring you together this time”

“NO!..... I will also go! Hiroto.....!”

“No you can't. I..... haven't let anybody know about this but... I'm actually.....”

“..... Actually?”

Actually, I always feel afraid. No matter how much successful my current life now, there is always fear whether I would return to my previous condition back in earth.

And the time I could be honest with my feeling..... That would be the time when I return back home alive.

That's why I smile. I smile so Milty won't be worried about me.

“..... I am, actually a coward. Such dangerous place like the nest of a dragon, why would I go there?”

“..... You won't go, to dangerous place?”

“Yup, I won't go”

Bluffing out, lying, pretending to be tough, I have done it a lot. I even had told many other lies that could hurt others too.

And the most lies I do was, the lies to make other people feel relieved. I lied so that Milty definitely won't try to come along with me. And not only Milty, but everyone else too. I must not let them aware of what I'm planning too.

Obaba-sama already won't say anything else. While saying my thanks inside my heart, I give one last smile to Milty before leaving Obaba-sama witch's hut.

The next place to visit is..... my mother's place.

It was still early in the morning so the medical examination place still not yet open. But by using my new active skill that I got from raising my thief skill, lockpick, I managed to sneak in while saying sorry in my heart.

“..... Mother.....”

Mother who always sleeps on the bed, like expecting me to come, is raising her body up to greet me.

“..... Hiroto... It is still early in the morning and you have come? I'm happy”

Mother doesn't even asked how I get in here and just give me her usual smile. The impulse of wanting to cry while clinging on her suddenly explodes within me. I want her to hug me lovingly like how she usually does to me.

— But, she can't do that now. Because after this, I am going to disobey my father's word..... He told me to not fight monsters but I will violate that taboo.

"Forgive your mom okay. Mommy feels a bit unwell now. But Mommy will get healthy immediately okay?"

"..... Yes, mommy doesn't need to apologize. I have... everything....."

I have understood everything. I was about to say those word but, I quickly hold myself back.

I do not know anything. I must not let mother aware of what I think..... definitely.

"Ah that's right..... Hiroto, for this child, have you also think of a name?"

"..... I want mom and dad to be the one who give the baby a name because I like the name that mom and dad gave to me"

"Is that so..... I understand. You know what? Daddy has told me that he had already thought of one name before. But he still haven't tell mom about it..... that guy really show some careless side sometimes"

 Mommy is saying her usual joke when she was still healthy. And hearing her jokes like this... I feel like having not heard that since forever.

— No that's wrong. That is not something in the past..... Mother will definitely be healthy again.

"..... Hiroto"

"..... Yes mom?"

Mother is calling my name. While still keeping her smile, mother says to me:

"If something were to happen to mommy..... then please, daddy, and this child....."

"....."

No I don't want to. Don't say such things.

Don't say it like everything is already over like that. Because even from now on, mother and father and me and this new family member of ours will keep on living happily together.

How come this happen when I finally realized how happy that kind of normal life is?

How come this happens when I finally find a meaning in my life after dying once and reincarnated here?

“..... No, forget that. Mommy has to do her best right?..... Because Hiroto is also doing his best right?”

Mother is taking back her words. Even though she is the one who suffer the most right now..... If it was me, I probably won’t be able to hide my pain that well.

“Hiroto..... Mommy is feeling sorry for not being able to be there beside you. Don’t go to dangerous places okay.....”

Mother’s consciousness gets blurry again. I then support mothers back so she could safely lie down in the bed.

“..... Yes, I won’t go. I won’t go anywhere. That’s why..... good night, mommy”

“..... Thank you..... Hiroto. Mommy..... loves Hiroto very much.....”

I keep holding her hand until mother falls asleep.

After mother falls asleep, I slowly remove my hand from hers. And then, before I left the medication ward, I check on mother current status.

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Human Female 22 years old Level 12

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I always feel afraid to look at it.

And now when I see it, the cruel truth about mother's life force couldn't keep up burning for long is shown to me.

Just how much pain did she bear in? Just how firm is her heart is to be able keeping her smile in front of me and my father?

---- [I won't forgive you if you put your hands on my kid!]

I suddenly remember the sensation of having the blood in my whole body burning hot like fire at that time when mother protects me from Anton.

My oath stays the same even now. And then, it won't ever change even in the future.

“..... I will protect my mother. Definitely”

After going out from the medical facility, I started to run. While bringing the Ax that grampa Bardis made for me in my hand, I rush straight to the forest ---- but on my way there, I suddenly heard a familiar voice calling me.

“Hiroto! Where do you think you are going! Hold on a bit!”

“---- Don't follow me Monica-nee-chan!”

LOG

- You are giving your command to 《Monica》

- 《Monica》 will be unable to get out from the town for a while.

“..... Why is..... Hiroto, Wait! What are you going to do!?”

Monica-san who is always there to help me..... In this last moment I end up betraying her. If someone joins party with you, when affection level is at the highest you can give any order to them anytime.

Even if she is a mid-rank plus hunter, if we met the dragon and the dragon decide to aim for her, she will easily dies. I definitely can't endanger other

people's life just for my own sake..... If the people in this world die, then that will be the end of them because people can't respawn in this world. I also don't think that I could struggle through this trial by my own power..... All I need to do is to choose on the best way to survive.

(..... In the end, I can't do everything by myself..... But this is enough)

The answer is the bonus point that I have been saving and plan to keep on forever without using it.

Added with the bonus I got from leveling up, the total point that I have now is 245 points and I spend all those points in all my skill that is directly related to battle.

LOG

- You have used 30 points for the skill [Strong Body].

Skill has reached level 100! The Skill [Invincible] learned!

- You have used 50 points for the skill [Magic Grounding].

Skill has reached level 100! The skill [Magic Boost] [Double Cast] learned!

- You have used 10 points for the skill [Divine Sword Arts]. (Eros: What translation did I use again for this skill? I forgot. Too lazy to check back)

Skill has reached level 50! The skill [Double Magic Sword] learned!

- You have used 50 points for the skill [Ax Mastery].

You have learned a few action skill and passive skill!

- You have used 70 points for the skill [Fortune].

You have learned a few action skill and passive skill!

Divine Sword Arts skill is like Spirit Magic skill which needs to go through quests to increase the skill more after reaching a certain level. The level cap can only be removed from completing that quest. But beside those skills, I maxed out every other skill that can help me in battle. My remaining skill points are down to 35 but even I spend all of it now, my remaining skills don't have any merit to buff me as an ax wielder so I just left it for now.

With Strong Body level 100, I could learn the action skill [Invincible]. By spending half of my mana, no matter how strong the attack that I received, I can be in an invincible state for one hit. With Double Cast, I can increase my magic fire rate but rather than that, Double Magic Sword should have the greatest damage output for the current me. My main reason of increasing Magic Grounding skill is because I want to increase my maximum mana even for

a bit.

The rest of my skills are all stopped at level 30. Hunter, Warrior, Medic, Elemental Magic, those are job specific skill that level cap needs to be unlocked by doing quest. Also I need to be having the corresponding job to pass level 30.

In short, this is my current strongest limit. The time I had spent to train myself is even longer than when I play the game in my previous live. Added with the bonus point given by the Goddess and my +7 weapon, I should be far stronger than my character in game.

I am not only strong in form of data only, I have acquired this strength for real. Betting my only life in it, I will risk my all to fight.

The Crystallized tear of Sovereign dragon..... Now that I must get it no matter what, I won't feel any regret from using my saved up skill points to battle skill at this point. After all, I can't have myself died because of slight mishap when meeting the dragon until I managed to acquire the crystallized tears. Because I have already hunted those Lizardman and Drake in 4 digits unit inside the game in my previous life, I know that they are not an opponent that you can make little of.

First of all, I have to reach the depth of the cave. And with how I decided to not involve anyone else with my problem, I have to get pass through it by myself.....!

“--- UUUOOOOOAAAAAAA!”

LOG

- You used [Warcry]!
- The party battle spirit is burning! Your attack power is temporarily increased! Running through the forest, I screamed out loud. The Warrior skill that I received from Wendy gives me the active skill [Warcry] when it reached level 30..... Originally, it is a support active skill to buff the entire party attack power. But now I use it to psyche myself up, and to bring out my battle spirit that is about to explode up front. After I scream out loud, the inside of my head becomes surprisingly calm. Even I am kinda surprised by it.

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I have known the place where the cave entrance is located. Before, Father and Filianes-san said that I should be careful with the monster inside the cave so

while I go out to the forest with Monica-san and the rest of the party to do quest, I took the chance to also check the location of the cave for just in case situation. I was afraid that the strong monster inside the cave would loiter outside the cave and bring harm to Monica-san and the other so I didn't get to close enough to the entrance to clarify it but I did find something that resembles that.

---- As I follow my memory, I go into the mountain base which is located in the western part of the forest. And at the rocky surface of the mountain, I managed to find the cave entrance. The inside of the cave is very dark and normal people would need a torch to explore inside but to spirit magician like me who can summon a fire spirit by using the magic skill Summon Wisp, the darkness isn't too much of a problem.

"O spirit of fire..... heed upon my call and illuminates the darkness before me! [Summon Wisp]!"

In the inside the cave where sunlight couldn't reach, the situation is very close to a true darkness state. But with my fire spirit illuminating the surroundings, the darkness won't become a problem for me. This magic only cost me 1 mana per hour so if I feel like it, I could activate it all day long.

---- But just when I start feeling proud of my spirit fire, the situation suddenly changed to one where I don't need to use it anymore. As I walk through a downhill path inside the cave, I start seeing red hot light from molten lava..... and within the light, I could see some dozens figure of monsters moving around.

LOG

- [Charm] has been activates automatically! 3 Sword Lizard failed to resist! They are now charmed!

- [Charm] has been activates automatically! 2 Fire Drake failed to resist! They are now charmed!

(Alright..... With fortune skill at tandem, my charm would affect others easier. With this, the enemy that I should face would be.....)

Decreased... With that in mind, I quickly turn my gaze towards another crowd of Lizardmen and Drakes in the passage behind the first group.

LOG

- [Charm] has been activates automatically! 1 Sword Lizard failed to resist! They are now charmed!

- [Charm] has been activates automatically! All the Fire Drakes managed to resist!

But the more I used charm, the affecting rate steadily gets worsened. It doesn't matter even if I have a level 100 fortune skill, they are high leveled monster after all. The first five monsters should be my charm skill limit.

(This is bad..... If thing continues on like this, in the moment I get tangled up with the sword lizard, the fire drake firebreath will come in flying.....!)

The nightmare like memory from when I played the game is coming back to me. These two monsters that show up together at volcano area actually have a great compatibility with each other..... Sword Lizard has resistance to Fire drake's firebreath so even if the firebreath attack hits them too, they would not receive any damage. Because of that, Sword Lizard act up as the front liner which lock their enemy movement and Fire Drake will be in the back using its firebreath mercilessly.

I don't have any equipment that gives me resistance to fire element but even if I got burned, as long as my I keep my hp up, I definitely won't die ---- But even so, that will cost me a lot of time and time is the thing I don't have in abundance right now.

---- Don't be afraid. It is exactly for times like this that I had diligently cultivates my strength..... And the me now that am buffed with all that bonus point should not put those kind of small fries in my eyes! No one can stop me!

“---- Get the hell out of my way!”

LOG

- You activate [Double Magic Sword]!

- You enchant [Icicle Spike] to your weapon!

- You enchant [Freeze Blast] to your weapon!

- You activate the active skill [Blade Spin]! [Raging Dance of the Revolving Ice Blades]!

- Critical Hit! 3 《Sword Lizard》 received 1085 damage!

- 2 《Fire Drake》 received 843 damage!

- You have defeated all the monsters!

“GUGYAAA!”

“GAAAAA!”

Ice elemental spirit magic ----I am not as adept in it as with fire element, but I'm

glad I take my time to learn it. I cover my ax with ice cold aura to slow those fire elemental monsters' movement down and combined with the sharpness of my +7 ax, I could easily cut through those monsters hard scale.

(Their weak point is just as I thought it will..... but the log didn't mention an overkill. As I thought, these guys..... are monsters that shouldn't actually belong to this area.....!)

“UUOOOOO!”

I repeatedly swing my ax which has been enchanted with magic again and again. With the active skill that I learned when I reach level 50 of Ax mastery, the [Blade Spin], I could keep dispatching my enemies at the most efficient way. If I could keep on like this, the road ahead will eventually be opened.....!

And then, in front of me who keep swinging my ax wildly, 1 Sword Lizard stands there trying to block my way.

---- And that sword lizard, not only held a sword in its hand, it is also held a shield in another.

(Wha.....!?)

LOG

- 《Sword Lizard》activates its active skill [Shield Parry]!

“Gugyagyagyaga!”

Clank! My Ax and the sword lizard's buckler met and repel each other. The buckler is broken and flying out from the sword lizard's arm but my [Blade Spin] is interrupted. My body froze up because of the interruption and could only stand defenseless.

(Kuh..... Should I use [Invincibility]?..... But.....!)

LOG

- 《Fire Drake》let out a firebreath! Blazing fire is burning everything on its path!

---- Some dozens and more line like that written in the log. It seems like that even the Drake that I can't see is joining the fray and shoots their firebreath together at the same time, there are no other choice besid.....

“Hiroto, take cover! Use Resist Ice magic quick!”

The moment I think about using active skill [Invincibility], I suddenly heard an unfamiliar woman voice from my back. Before I could think, I reflexively cast rank 2 spirit magic [Resist Ice] to myself and curl up like how the voice tells me to.

LOG

- 《Neris》 is casting [Ice Storm]!
- 《Neris》 Magic Boost causes her magic power to doubles!
- Groups of 《Sword Lizard》 received 476 damage! Groups of monsters are frozen!
- Groups of 《Fire Drake》 received 352 damage! Groups of monsters are frozen!
- Your Ice element resistance becomes stronger! You managed to resist the magic attack.

(Neris..... Obaba-sama? But that voice is not.....)

That voice is clearly coming from a young woman..... I get bewildered for a moment because of the inconsistency that I read from the log.

The Sword Lizard that broke my active arts and tried to launch a counter back at me is now becomes a frozen statue in front of me. The effect of freezing from Ice Storm could last for 15 seconds so I can hit it now to kill it easily.

But, the monsters are still appearing one after another ---- Even if the continuous appearing of monsters stop now, I only managed to defeat a small portion of it right now.

“..... I actually doesn’t have any intention to help and I also didn’t meant to show this current appearance to you either”

“Obaba-sama..... no, you are not her.....?”

“What are you saying? Look, I even still wear my usual clothes..... I really am Neris. You don’t know about it? Then let me tell you that high ranked magician could make the magic power inside their body into active state which then will turn their physical condition to the time when they are still in their golden age”

That is the first time I heard that..... If what she says is true then this young woman who wears pointed hat and black robe, who look like a 17 years old teenager, and has a strong confidence in her expression is the one and only, Neris Obaba-sama herself.

“Hiroto, so you are alright after all..... Really you boy, you are too reckless. Monster like Sword Lizard and Fire drake are categorized as dangerous monsters that even the people from knight brigade would feel fear when facing those two.”

“Thank god~ we made it! Hiroto-chan~, why do dangerous thing by yourself like this? You need to be spanked!”

“Filianes-san, Mar-san..... How.....!”

Neris Obaba-sama is actually not alone. Filianes-san, Mar-san, Aletta-san, Wendy, Nameless..... All the people who had once party together with me before come one after another. And then, with a face full of guilt, Aletta-san opens her mouth:

“I’m sorry, Hiroto-chan..... Just a while ago we arrived at Mizell with the purpose of visiting Remilia-san but on the way to the medical facility, Monica-san is calling for our help. She said that Hiroto-chan is going to the forest by himself.....”

“I and Nameless-san too got asked by Monica-san for help and came here. She said that Exalted Master is in danger..... I’m really sorry! I know I’m that I would only bring troubles coming to this kind of dangerous place while still being inexperienced.....”

“Why are you so distant..... Hiroto-kun. Don’t you have experienced many adventures together with This self? Why would you go alone in times of real danger like this? This self is having heart-rending feeling right now you know?” It’s been a while since the last time I go on a quest with Wendy and Nameless-san..... and yet they still come to help even in this kind of dangerous place of other places.

Neris Obaba-sama..... No, Neris-san is casting another Ice Storm to stop the monsters movement then walk close to me. Her appearance just changes so much that I can’t even believe that she is the real Obaba-sama..... She really is a vigorous beautiful girl in her youth. She usually bent her back when walking so that her robe would always rub against the ground. But now, in her youthful figure, the long robe that she wears looks more like a long skirt instead. Her face, her figure, her style, everything is just too different from her usual appearance.

“I feel that just letting you go by yourself and wait for the result back at home would be a cruel thing to do. These little lass are making a big fuss back in the village so I take the role to guide them all here. I already know where the cave is located after all”

“..... Thank you. I really.....”

“Hiroto, you are indeed strong..... but there are also things that are difficult to do alone. Isn’t the times like this are the best time for you to rely on the

relation that you have cultivated until now? And it is not only I who think like that, everyone else is also thinking the same thing you know?"

Filianes-san's word made me feel happy straight from my heart..... but even so. I must say the fact to the girls. I must tell them the fact about my fateful encounter with the Sovereign Dragon, and the reason why I must go face her alone.

"..... Yes, I am wrong. If it was only me alone, it would takes too much time to get pass this..... That's why, I have a request. Filianes-san, Neris-san, everyone..... I wish you all would let me go ahead by myself. I will open up the path first and then please cover after me from behind"

"Hi-Hiroto-chan, you will go to the depth by yourself? Even though there is chance for dragon being here.....!?"

"..... Wait, Mar, currently, there is no one who could stop Hiroto here..... Hiroto should have felt it with his instinct that the dragon and the enemy that is lurking around here couldn't be compared at all"

Even when I don't say everything, she could still understand me. In Eternal Magia, I also have someone who I could trust my back with..... And such hard to get partner like that, I actually managed to find another person like that in this Magiahaim. Moreover, it is not only one person.

"..... Hiroto, I will only ask you one thing..... There is chance for you to win right? If you don't think so then I will stop you right here. By using the magic known as Freezing Coffin, that is"

The freezing ice cage, the Freezing Coffin. It is a level 7 ice elemental spirit magic. It is a magic that excels at totally immobilize the target movement. If I receive that kind of magic directly then I will instantly frozen solid. And while I am immobilized, my small 4 years old body could be easily carried out by the women here ---- But.

"..... Neris-san, thank you for worrying me. But, that won't work for me"

"..... It will be impossible for Freezing Coffin to be guarded with just a Resist Ice magic, I will tell you that first hand. But again, Hiroto boy, looking at your face, I see that you are not just recklessly rushing to your own death. Then Hiroto boy, let me teach you the secret of spirit magician first before you go..... Well, this is merely only the process to reach that level but, I pray that it could help you accomplish what you want to do so you can come back home safely"

“Yes!”

Looking at my response, everyone started to give out a smile again. They must be happy seeing my reply to the part ‘come back home safely’ with confidence. I come here for the sake of saving my mother. For the sake of taking all my happiness back which is about to disappear, no matter how hard it is, I must stay alive no matter what.

“I will definitely come back alive. I hope that everyone also won’t do reckless things.....!”

“We understand!”

LOG

- With your presence, the party member’s battle spirit is encouraged!
- All status of the party is increasing!

Filianes-san and Mar-san is in the vanguard to face the Sword Lizard while Neris-san and Nameless-san, escorted by Wendy, is thinning out the Fire Drake number with their magic. And lastly, Aletta-san will cast AOE healing skill to keep the party running..... Although these peoples fight together for the first time, their cooperation isn’t even the bit awkward making one think that they had been partying together for long to reach that level of cooperation.

(Everyone..... Please be save. I will also definitely come back safely.....!)

I swing my ax to the Sword Lizard that is standing on my way to block me. These monsters who had split up their formation and had their number greatly reduced are definitely not something that could block my way.

---- The place I aim for is only one, the dragon’s nest in the deepest part of this cave..... She should be protecting her treasures there right, Sovereign Dragon? To get the crystallized dragon tear, I have thought of 3 methods to achieve it. The first one is by simply defeating it in battle.

The second method is by making the Sovereign Dragon an ally ---- clear up the precondition given and immediately use the tame skill on her.

And the third is, by doing [Transaction] with the Sovereign Dragon to trade her crystallized dragon tear with something else that I have.

No matter what the method is, I will definitely get that elixir then save my mother!

And the only one who could make this all happen amongst the human is, only myself!

Chapter 18 – The Two Wings

After everyone open the path for me, I keep on running to the depth of the cave. I wonder just how long have I keep on running now.

I have also defeated numerous numbers of Sword Lizard and Fire Drake along the way. I kill them all with one attack as they disintegrate into grains of light.

“Gegyaaa!”

“These guys just don’t learn”

LOG

- You have executed [Double Magic Sword]!
- You have enchanted [Ice Ball] to your weapon!
- You have enchanted [Freeze Blast] to your weapon!
- You have executed [Boomerang Tomahawk]! Absolute Zero Flying Blade!
- Critical Hit! 《Sword Lizard》 have received 774 damage!

- 2 《Fire Drake》 have received 652 damage!

- You have defeated multiple monsters!

Wrapping the ax with ice cold aura then throw it to the enemy, a tear up combat arts. I don't have to hit the ax physically to the enemy as the ice aura enchanted to it will turn into a blade that will tear them apart instead. Usually, catching a bladed object like an ax is a dangerous feat but, when my ax mastery reached level 60, catching a flying ax is just as easy as breathing for me.

I have also leveled my strong body skill into level 100 so naturally my stamina would rise too. No matter how long I keep on running, I still don't feel tired at all. If I grow into an adult then not to mention my town, even in the kingdom, there will be no one who can defeat me by the means of pure strength.

---- Filianes-san managed to see through my new hidden power after I allocate my bonus points with only a single glance. She and Mar-san is only at level 50 strong body and yet even if they go out on a campaign for their duty as member of the knight brigade to exterminate monsters for one full month, there is a great chance that their strong body skill might not improve. This shows just how hard it is to improve one skill.

If there are no bonus point then reaching such height in strength are nigh impossible for normal human. If I don't have those bonus points, I definitely had

given up as even reaching this cavern is already an impossible task to do.

The passage inside the cavern keeps on tilted downward. I should be deep inside the earth now. To resist the heat from the blistering magma around me, I use fire resist magic and then it suddenly dawned upon me. If I calmly think about it, fire resist magic could help me defend against those Fire Drakes' fire breath attack. I really had lost my calm until Neris-san comes to help ---- I must've been blinded by my new power and tried to remove all obstacles by brute force only.

LOG

- You have leveled up! You have received 3 skill points.

- You feel that you had become a new you.

(Level 41..... until the level cap, if it was according to the game then it will be another 34 levels. The Sovereign Dragon level was 10 the last time I saw it..... I wonder how much she had grown now.....?)

Yuisia is only level 10 at that time but her strong body skill has already reached level 100 along with many other powerful skills. It must be because of her superior race inheritance. Even if I reach the max level cap of 75, I can't guarantee my win if I have to fight level 20 Yuisia..... Sovereign Dragon is really a being surpasses humanity common sense.

The reason I level up my strong body skill to level 100 is that so my defensive potential will reach + 200 that even with my little kid armor, I could still defend myself well. I must protect myself against the probability of getting a one hit kill attack ---- even normal punch and kick could be deadly when buffed with many skills and could easily pierce through my defense. I don't know how powerful Yuisia's skill, [Tail Slide], is but because that skill is acquired later than the breath skill, I can assume that the skill is actually even more powerful than what I could imagine.

(Can't be helped, I lack information after all..... It's been awhile since the last time I feel excited to face a new unknown enemy)

In my guild before, there is also another high level player who likes to play solo too. When the game implements new things then he will be the first one to clear it and defeat the new boss there. After he beat the new implementation be it dungeon, stage, or map, he will then create a guide for it to help other people. Well, indeed I also want to experience stepping on the new snow but that is not everything in MMO. Doing a quest with a guide from other people who already done it would not spoils the fun too much after all. Well, in my case, I could just request some powerful NPC to join my party with my [Negotiation] skill power so I could conquer each and every dungeon anytime I want while still technically going solo. And because I could do that kind of thing that other player recognize me as one of the top player there.

Most likely in this world, there are no human who experience a fight with the

sovereign dragon. Even if there is, then most likely they could be counted by one hand. I have seen many people status so I know how absurd Yuisia status is. It is simply beyond human. Even the best fighter in the kingdom, Filianes-san, when her status is compared to the current mine, her power is only around two-third of me ---- Well, she still has this so called player skill, or it can also be called as human's wisdom so even if her power is only two-third of mine, I still couldn't beat her easily.

But this human-strongest Filianes-san had approved my power to be sufficient enough to meet the dragon while she herself only acts as a support for me. She definitely would scold me severely later but, if I made it out from here alive, I am willing to take any kind of punishment.

“Nn.....?”

LOG

- 《Sword Lizard A》is protecting 《Sword Lizard B》with its body.

(What.....? A big sword lizard is protecting a small sword lizard.....?)

Maybe because of me rampaging nonstop on the way here or maybe because those two sword lizards could feel my strength? It is not really clear about the reason but...

Either way, those two sword lizards doesn't go on an offense even when they see me directly like this.

LOG

- Your [Charm] skill has been automatically activated! 2 《Sword Lizard》 unable to resist! They have fallen into [Charmed] state.

If the charm effect already kicks in, then I don't need to fight them any longer. I check my surroundings to make sure that there are no more threats around while slowly approach the two sword lizards.

After a monster spawned to the world through the gate known as [The Monster Nest] and gain a physical body, they will be granted a temporary soul to stay on living. Because of that, I thought that they would be just mindless puppets devoid of any emotion like emotion from parent to child or emotions between comrades. But now I know that I was wrong.

Maybe because the two lizards' situation is kind of similar to my own, I don't feel the need to look at the two sword lizards as an enemy. Even though I won't change my perception about other sword lizards, I just can't look at these two as my enemies.

DIALOGUE

- You can use the [Servitude] skill to 《Sword Lizard A》. Would you use it? YES / NO

(To avoid having them as an enemy, maybe I should use my tame skill on them..... I can release them afterward anyway)

Charmed monster can be tamed easily and unconditionally. If it was a human then adding with that before, I have to pay them according to their strength level, race, equipment, and all other things that affect their [Price] and then I also need to give them a [necklace/choker] type of equipment to wear so that I could successfully use [Servitude] to them. When it was in the game, the word slave pops out here and there in the main story but the most that the player could have as a slave are only limited to the [Sword fighter slave]. It's a system when you save some NPC while on quest, you could hire them to act like a mercenary for you and add them to your party.

(..... Sarasa-san, she always hides her neck but I know... because she has the slave skill, then she is too.....)

DIALOGUE

- It is now possible to change the job of «Sword Lizard A» into [Slave]. Would you like to change it? YES / NO

(This one will be NO)

Once you acquired a job, it will be easy for you to change back to it but most people definitely won't turn back into a slave out of their own will.

When I tamed Josephine the greater slime, the same dialogue box is also appeared but I let it keep its slime job. Because I think that there would be some hidden risk if someone were to level up the [Slave] skill.

[Slave] and [Misfortune] will generate passive skill that will give negative impact like a weakness passive. You could think of them as one of a kind. By just being a slave would make other people to unconditionally discriminate you and your freedom will be restricted. It was also the same with sword fighter slave. But if they keep working as a mercenary then their slave skill will gradually decreases and when the slave skill reaches zero, then they will finally get released. That was the slavery system back in the game.

Well, whatever the case, I command the two sword lizards to hide somewhere so that they won't be targeted by the other monsters. From the

gaze that the sword lizards gave to me before they go on hiding, I could feel a slight feeling of devotion even if it was just a bit. After seeing the two lizards off, I silently continue on rushing to the depth of the cave.



I feared that the further I go into the depth, the heat from the lava would become even more intense but the truth actually betrayed my expectation. The view of red lava and black stone suddenly changed into smooth white stone walled cavern. The passage become narrower and could only fit one grown man at a time. If a dragon really lives inside this cave then there must be another way to get inside its nest.

From the depth of the passage, the sound of running water can be heard. It is perfect to hide his foot step sound. And then the flame spirit – wisp that I summoned fly to the inside of the cave and tells me that there are a wide space area up ahead.

“..... Is it, a kind of glowing moss, or some sort maybe.....?”

(Eros: glowing moss, and giant toe = rich hehe)

Even if there is no fire here, the entire passage's wall gives out a faint light.

After such a narrow passage before this kind of wide space area is simply unimaginable. The area is just too wide and the whole place is bright ---- even when there is not a single lantern set up here.

This kind of mysterious view is indeed befitting of being the roost of a dragon. I don't need to look around for long as I quickly find what Yuisia had told me before as the vast treasury of the dragon sleeping here. In this interior part of the wide space there is a bulging small hill that attracts the eyes. And from there, treasures that give off brilliant golden light are carelessly stacked up. There are also red, green, and blue light mixed in there, maybe that light comes from a gem? ---- Anyway I could immediately tell even from this distance that there are colorful solid objects in the size of an adult's fist scattered around that place in a disorderly manner. Without the appraisal skill, I could already guess..... even one of those gems could be used to buy a castle and still have changes too.

---- Is there a crystallized dragon tear inside that mountain of treasures? Or could it be that..... I have to make a high grade dragon, the sovereign dragon to cry it out?

{..... I won't let out any tears. And if you ask why, that is because I have never, cry}

(Eros: Yuisia will talk by telepathy in dragon form so I will use {} for the telepathy conversation)

“.....!!!?”

I suddenly heard a familiar sound of wings flapping and moments after, a sudden gust of wind hit me. My body is trembling all over from the sudden happening.

The source of the sound is ---- up above. When I look up there, beside the never ending dark passage of the cavern, I also see a giant reptile flapping its wing to descent down.

(Don't be afraid..... don't back down! I already, don't have any other choices except to move forward.....!)

There are still quite a distances between us. The giant silver dragon lands before the mountain of treasures then straightly pointed it gaze to me. It suddenly let out a ‘kururu’ like sound from the inside of its throat. Was it because she is a female dragon that she let out such a sound? I somehow find that sound to be cute.

---- But, its gaze pierces me up without mercy. The dragon slowly rise up its neck, take a stance on its two feet, opens up its wings wide, then let out a loud warcry in a grand manner.

LOG

- 《Yuisia》is activating [Dragon Howl]! The roar of a dragon even make the atmosphere tremble!
- 《Yuisia》's attack power and defense power are rising because of the skill!
- 《Yuisia》is temporarily immune to bad status change!

“..... Ugh!”

This roar is just like heaven and hell difference from her first cry as it made my eardrum almost burst. The silver colored scale give off a faint light, the deep red color inside those silver eyes ---- does it shows her anger toward me? Or even maybe hatred?

Her battle stance is perfect. I can't even find any gap to bypass her defense. The moment when she detects an intruder such as me, she immediately takes her fighting stance like it is the normal thing to do.

She doesn't even give any chance to let bad status preemptive attacks such as charm to affect her.

That active skill, Dragon Howl, is a skill that she didn't have yet when I checked her status the last time we met.

---- Yuisia is also growing up and getting stronger like me. I don't know what level is her [Sovereign Dragon Race] skill currently but there are great chances that she also has other new active and passive skills beside this dragon howl.

(Charisma is not automatically actives..... That means that she is in the same level or maybe even greater than me.....)

If I use all my bonus points, I might have a chance to dominate her in term of power. It was a small hope as little of a grain but I can't help to wish for it. And at this moment, I know that I was too optimist. My heart is thumping loudly like it is about to burst.

(..... If I just being rash and challenge her on a battle now..... There is more than 90% chance for me to die.....)

“..... Gururu..... Gurururu.....”

The Sovereign Dragon is trying to threaten me by making a furious sound from its throat. It is like telling me that if I take another step forward then it will start attacking. The pressure she makes seems like is able to materialize itself as I feel a thick invisible wall suddenly appeared in front of me.

---- But my purpose of coming here is not to fight Yuisia. My purpose is to get a crystallized dragon tear. That is my only purpose coming here.

(That's right..... let's negotiate. What I want is the crystalized tear..... I could only ask the Sovereign Dragon for her condition to let me get that.....!)

In my previous live when I played the game, I only control my mouse to talk with those NPCs that no other player bother talking to. I negotiate with the king, the head of knight brigade, or even with a great mage. I then recruit them as my mercenary and then with their help, I managed to feel the pseudo omnipotent feeling inside the game.

But this time, I have to personally face someone far stronger than me and have to say the word by myself from my own throat. Reaching this far, I feel like I finally understand how my game character that I controlled feel like.

(He must've screamed thing like 'you are asking for the impossible'.....
Because that is also what I think of right now)

I might die because of this foolishness. But then, after my heart finally calmed down after throbbing at its max, my mind getting too calm I don't even feel real.

Negotiation skill level 100. The ability that allows me to talk with anyone had finally, give a striking influence to my body and mind.

I smiled. I set aside all other emotions that I have and look straight at Yuisia beautiful silver pair of eyes that let out a faint gleam that could make those who saw it entranced.

"I want to ask something to you dragon oneechan"

"..... Gururu....."

The cry of the Sovereign Dragon doesn't sound as menacing as before.

She seems to be willing to hear what I have to say ---- after making sure of

that, I continue talking to her.

“My purpose of coming here is to get a crystallized dragon tear. If you give me that, I will do anything you ask”

“.....”

Yuisia stopped growling. Her gaze is still locked on me. After a moment of silence ---- suddenly.

LOG

- 《Yuisia》 has turned into her human form.

The giant dragon body suddenly got covered with blinding lights then after a moment, a figure of a little girl with dragon horn on her head suddenly appeared in front me. That appearance is just like the last time I saw her, nothing changed.

The little girl then slowly walks toward me while softly combing her own straight silver hair which length reaches her back. I don't know the principle behind it but after she took her human form, she wears an almost transparent see-through cape like the one she wore the last time I saw her. And down below there is almost only string underwear ---- no, it might be better to say

that she wears an ornament to cover her private parts.

The girl seems to not have any sense of shame from exposing her skin like how a human will. When I meet her before, her status tells me that she is only 13 years old so she is probably 15 years old by now and her appearance isn't any different from a normal 15 years old kid. Her body had already shown secondary sexual characteristic of a woman like the area around her hip and breast especially as it swell up quite nicely but her body still cannot be categorized as 'matured' yet ---- I am not really an expert about a woman body (is the way I want to think of myself [Eros: No, you already an expert]) but I can see places where she can grow more in the future.

(Eros: I dunno what whether the author mean by 15 years old human in magiahaim or in earth. Probably magiahaim)

“..... I never cry before and even if there are tear crystal in the treasury, I will never give it to you. Because this treasure is the thing I inherit from my mother..... Human child, if you want the treasure then there is no other way to get it besides beating me”

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So I'm didn't hear her wrong..... she had never cry. If it is the truth then Yuisia had never shed any tear and even more, had never created any crystallized tear before.

I don't know how a drop of tear could crystallize into something solid. Will that drop of tear just petrifies instantly the moment she shed it? I just can't imagine it but one thing that is clear that her tear is definitely needed for that.

"You have never cry..... right. Then, if there is a time that would make you cry, what kind of time is that?"

Usually, asking such question to a girl is very impolite. But if I restrain myself, Yuisia will keep on rejecting my request and there would be no progress whatsoever.

"..... Mother, had once cried. I witnessed that situation once, when I was still inside my mother"

"Inside your mother.....?"

"It means that I was still inside my egg at that time"

Does this mean that dragon kin is already aware of their surrounding since they are still inside their eggs? Or is it just the special characteristic of her race, the Sovereign Dragon?

Whichever it is, I know now that I can at least communicate with Yuisia. And then another thing that I know is the fact that Yuisia never cried before but Sovereign Dragon could still cried.

“I need to get a crystallized dragon tear no matter what. So I will try to make oneechan cry”

“..... I understand that you are not just a normal kid. Your strength is also improving so much that it can’t be compared to the past you when I met you the last time. But even so, you are just a human. If you want to order me around, you need to be stronger than me. But for a human like you, it is impossible”

Yuisia declares that she is the stronger one here. Her confidence isn’t just an empty boast so I couldn’t rebut what she said.

But from our conversation just now, I could understand something.

In order for a Sovereign Dragon to hear someone else command, they must show their strength. And my ace in the hole for this negotiation is the fact that [I am not an ordinary kid].

“So that means if we fight, and then you see even a bit of prospect within

me..... then you would listen to my request right?"

"The dragon kin would only swore our allegiance to the strong. And Sovereign Dragon is the race which stands in the top of the dragon kin..... Those who are stronger than us are only the being called as hero and demon king only"

Last time I met her, Yuisia was looking for the demon king. I thought she is searching for the demon king because they are her enemy but, from what she says just now, I could feel that she recognize both demon king and hero equally as a being that could rival or maybe even beat her.

[Strength] If that factor has the absolute value to the Sovereign Dragon then..... If by having strength they will willingly obey you then.

"..... I don't think a mere kid could understand what I am saying. But you are not just a mere kid..... and that time too, I felt the existence of the demon king around you"

Yuisia also knows that I was together with someone else at that time, but she doesn't know that it was Riona. That time, if I failed to do something to her berserk misfortune skill, Yuisia will definitely found Riona. I don't know what will happen if Yuisia found her though.

If Yuisia is having such an obsession to demon king like that, should I just bring Riona..... that kind of thinking suddenly cross over my mind in an instant but I quickly calm myself down and try to forget such a stupid thought. I definitely can't bring Riona to face danger like this.

"If there was demon king beside you, then I won't do anything bad to you. But you should hand over the demon king to me"

"..... There is no such thing as demon king. How can I hand over it to you?"

"..... Demon king does exist. No matter how many times you humans defeat them, they will definitely reborn again in this world, just like us. Because The Goddesses had created us in such a way"

".....!?"

It will be dangerous if Yuisia knows Riona's existence and because I think like that, I let out a lie. But her response from hearing my lie made me hear an unexpected word.

"The Goddesses..... created..... the demon king and sovereign dragon.....?"

"This whole world is created by The Goddesses. There is no exception, not even one"

(What is happening here..... Didn't The Goddesses are the being that is worshiped by the people of this world right? And she is also in an hostile relationship with the demon king.....?)

Now that I think about it again, The Goddesses has never mentions herself as the justice itself. But even so, from the time I start living in this world, I have never heard anything relating to The Goddesses as the creator of demon king.

On the contrary, human think of The Goddesses as a being that gives benevolence to them.

(..... Whether the truth has been bent..... or what Yuisia said the wrong things eh.....?)

"Whichever it is..... demon king is not something that a normal human can handle. When I once again detect the energy wave from the demon king, at that time....."

"..... For me, if I were to obtain a crystallized tear then I won't need anything else. But it won't be that easy it seems"

I don't know what Yuisia want to do with Riona, or should I said the demon lord that is reincarnated into her. But from what she said just now, I could feel like her intention is not as good natured as just going to observe her for afar. I feel like Riona might not be able to grow together with us any longer if this keeps up.

---- To show my strength, and also now, to protect Riona. I got another reasons for me to fight her now. Well, the answer inside me is already decided anyway.

“Dragon-oneechan..... no, Yuisia-san”

“..... I won't decline any fight offered. But I my eyes, I can only see the future where you lying down defeated by me”

Before we even start the fight, she already verdicts that I am already a dead man (Fist of 7 stars ref)..... She really gave a cruel verdict alright.

Ever since she said that she had never cried before, I have already resolute myself. I already know that time that no matter how I squeeze my brain to formulate a plan, making her cry in a peaceful way is something impossible.

---- All I can do right now is to grind down her life points, and tame her

If I can charm her then there will be no need for me to grind her life points down. But that is also impossible. So I need to grind 80% of her life points first or tame skill won't succeed.

(..... I don't have any other choices. I have to use all might from the start and pray..... pray that I can grind down 80% of her hp before I die.....!)

LOG

- 《Yuisia》 becomes hostile!

- 《Yuisia》 has taken her dragon form!

“GUOooAAAaaaa!”

“UUOOooooo!”

LOG

- You have activated [Warcry]!

- The party fighting spirit is enhanced! Your attack power temporarily rises!

Yuisia who turned into a giant dragon immediately inhales ---- and then.

LOG

- 《Yuisia》is letting out a lightning breath! Lighting surges up from the dragon's throat!

(Lightning breath..... This is the first time I see it..... but.....!)

The lightning swoops down in the speed that is incomparable to that of fire or ice breath. The only way to defend myself from that is either by using [Lightning Resist] magic or by simply avoid getting hit.

(This trick would only work once.....!)

LOG

- You have activated [Shadow Step]!

- 《Yuisia》is losing her sight of you!

{Thief's skill..... he disappears.....}

I could hear Yuisia's voice. So when she is in her dragon form, she could send the word inside her heart directly to me.

[Shadow Step] the skill that I acquired when I reach level 30 [Thief] skill which will forcefully make my enemy lose their sight of me when activated. Even if the user is within the target line of sight, the target would still not see the user. This skill is the perfect skill to ambush your enemy.

With this one strike, how much I could shave of her life points I wonder.....
And so, while praying for a positive result, I swing my ax.

(The skill from level 100 ax mastery..... No that not it.....!)

---- I know that it is a fatal miss to not use the highest leveled skill but even so, I still went through with it.

But I just can't help it. She had already given me a leeway before letting me talk to her human form so I just feel bad to use this kind of ambush with a probability to one hit kill her like this... maybe.

I know it is a foolish move to give leeway to your enemy like this but I have already moved my body and I can't just stop it midway.

“---- ZEYAAAaaaaa.....!”

LOG

- You have activated [Double Magic Sword]!
- You have enchanted your weapon with [Icicle Spike]!
- You have enchanted your weapon with [Freeze Blast]!
- You have activated [Giganto Slash]! [Destroying Giant Axe Freezing Slash!]

This attack art is just like a slash from a giant ax performed by a giant. Giganto Slash is a secret attack art that can be acquired from level 80 ax mastery. The

power of that attack is actually 3 times of the attack art Power Slash. This attack performed as an ambush should manage to break through Yuisia defense ---- or so I thought.

LOG

- 《Yuisia》 receives 124 damage!

(Only 124.....!?)

From my calculation, Yuisia life points should be more than 1300. If it is only 124 damage then I didn't even manage to shave off even 10% of her life points.

Even if my ax managed to hurt Yuisia's scale, I still can't manage to give her a big damage.

Immediately after I attacked her, my Shadow Step effect wears off and Yuisia quickly find me. In that instant, the giant silver dragon body made a savage turn and showed her back which is also the most that I can see with my sight.

LOG

- 《Yuisia》has activated [Tail Slide]!

- Yo# rec##ve 374 dama##!

The log also got shaken by the fierce attack that some texts become unreadable.

After experienced such fierce shock that feels like penetrating my entire body, I got blown off in the air. I somehow managed to barely keep my consciousness which is about to fly away to the afterlife. While still being unclear about my own body condition, I only have one thing floating in my mind.

---- If I keep floating up in the air like this then she will definitely send another follow up attack to finish me!

(..... I am..... still.....!)

LOG

- 《Yuisia》has activated [Dragon Fang]!

- You have activated [Invincible]! All damage is nullified!

- You don't receive any damage.

(..... Invincible..... Just like me? Have human..... manage to reach.....?)

I can nullify damage by using Invincible one time only. If Yuisia has the same skill then she should also know about this fact ---- but she doesn't do any other follow up attack after that.

My back slam hard into the treasure mountain. Because I only received one attack under the effect of Invincible, the effect still persists at the point of impact so I can quickly stand up after that. Yuisia who is guarding the treasure mountain blow me up into it ---- this shows that Yuisia is also taking me seriously that she couldn't even consider her surroundings.

“Not yet..... I am still alive..... I will bring back the medicine for my mother.....!”

It won't quickly heal the pain that I feel all over my body but I still need to drink down a bottle of the most potent healing potion that I have and I also cast elementary healing magic to quickly fill up my life points.

This is the first time since I reincarnated to receive almost 400 damages in one attack. In the game, it was not weird to only have 10% of life points left after battle but now, I feel this much pain from having my life points shaved up by 30%. I don't have the confidence to bear another big hit like this again.

To think that the negative side from never taking damage in battle would appear in such time..... but well, I luckily activated Invincible at the right timing. [Dragon Fang] is likely to be dragon attack art that has more power compared to [Tail Slide]..... If I don't nullify it with Invincible, I might be dead by now.

The power gap is just too big. Thank god that I decided to fight her by myself..... If Mar-san or Wendy come along with me now, they would probably tried to cover me from Yuisia attack by throwing off their lives. If that really happened then, no matter what I do, someone will definitely die. And then with the fact that I can only barely damage her, it means that there are no one else who could effectively damages her. Even Filianes-san only has her rapier mastery at level 60 and strong body at level 50.

I got blown quite far away from her but even so, I need to be always ready for her next attack. I get my body center even lower so I can quickly react if anything happens. In this distance, I can only use my spirit magic to attack her -- but with only level 3 intermediate magic, I can't hope for any decent damage. My magic would only barely wound her even with the buff effect from Magic Boost.

In Yuisia's status window, I can't see her resistance information unlike at the time with my slime because she is not a tamed monster. She still has other

hidden status that I can't see. She might have other power that I can't see through from just her skill list.

(How could I shave off her life points..... How.....!)

LOG

- 《Yuisia》 is transforming into her human form.

(Wha.....!?)

While we still separated apart, Yuisia suddenly turned back into her human form. A part of her gown is torn and from under that, smooth porcelain like skin could be seen..... It seems like the damage that I did to her scale turns into the form of torn clothes when she turned into her human form.

“..... Child of a human. If you continue further, then I have to kill you”

“..... I know that. But I won’t die. I can’t die”

My strength recovers slowly but surely, I can do it. It just that because I use my mana for healing magic before, counting with my natural mana regeneration, I could only use one more Invincible and my mana will be all empty.

I must shave another 70% of her life points but it is just seems far. Would another 600 damage be enough? Or should I add another more? To end this quickly, I need another 5 of myself to do the trick..... if only all of my party members reach max level then there is a good chance of winning.

But at that time, Yuisia's level would also reach the max level too. Coming from the race of super strong boss, the Sovereign Dragon, which is also planned to be added in the game, even if I face her with max level party at that time, my chances for winning will be even smaller.

---- With this body of a 4 years old child which had overcome the limits of normal human, I have to fight with this Sovereign Dragon no matter what. If it was in the game, then this will be an impossible game that has broken difficulty level but.....

By standing here and facing it directly like this, I finally understand. I finally understand that living isn't something easy at all. How easy would it be if I can just give up when I judge some problem is impossible to do from the start.

To save my mother that is in the brink of death. To fulfill that wish, I must face the unreasonable side of life. I must face a Sovereign Dragon at this early phase of life.

“..... I don’t care how strong Yuisia-san is, I will definitely make you cry.....!”

“I will kill all those who try to steal my treasure..... It is the duty bestowed to me. Those who challenge me to a fight, must be eliminated”

Yuisia said that with an ice cold tone then she lift one of her hand and face it towards me.

---- I can feel the pressure from her that is even stronger from when I face her in her dragon form. I immediately understand that she still has other hidden thing that I don’t know yet.

“Dragon Tongue Magic..... Petrify my enemy. If you don’t have any resistance to it, it will be impossible for you to avoid”

“.....!”

“..... To kill a child that uses the same active art as me is a wasteful thing to do. That’s why I will ‘add’ you as my treasure collection.....”

I don't have any chance to stop her not even a chance to blink. Yuisia then starts moving her lips to spin some unknown words.

LOG

- «Yuisia» is chanting the magic [Stone Curse]!

- Your body begin turning into stone!

“UUUAAAaaaa.....!”

My leg gradually petrified and turned into stone and with my leg petrified, I couldn't keep my balance and fall down. With her usual expressionless face, Yuisia calmly stands there gazing me with her silver colored eyes.

“..... You will turn to stone slowly until you turned to stone completely. Don't worry because even if your heart turned to stone first, you still won't die”

Because of her beautiful appearance, and her words which show intelligence

behind it, I don't know when but I seem to misunderstand her.

I could understand each other with this Sovereign Dragon ---- that is what I misunderstand from her. For Yuisia, I am no more than just a unique toy. Even if she thinks that I am worthy to be added to her treasure collection, she doesn't think of me as an equal nor an enemy from the start.....

(..... Why..... I've managed to break her defense so why? If I can add a few more of that..... then mother will.....)

Then I can save her, so why?

And the child in her stomach, which will become my little brother or sister to be, could also be saved too..... so why?

In the end, it just means that I don't have enough power to reach my wish.

I just became haughty from the power that I achieved from using my bonus point, thinking that it is enough to make me stand in an equal ground with Yuisia when negotiating.....

My sight gradually gets dark. The petrification process had already reached my knee.

(Am I..... going to die..... by turning into a stone.....?)

Getting hit by an unknown magic and lose without being able to resist.

If..... If I just use my strongest attack from the first time without sparing anything.....

---- And then make the wounded little Sovereign Dragon girl cry..... would doing that, be something virtuous?

(..... How could I make a little girl cry like that? If mother knows about it, she will definitely scold me.....)

But then again, there is no replacement for human life. I who couldn't make a clear decision for my resolution got swallowed slowly by the power of Yuisia's magic.

(Father..... mother..... everyone. I'm sorry..... I.....)

Can't do anything... Nothing.....

And my body petrification almost reaches my heart now. Without any clear answer to my anguish, my consciousness slowly drifts into the darkness.....

“HIRO-CHAN!”

---- But from hearing a familiar voice calling for me, I managed to keep myself conscious.

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“Rio..... na.....”

I struggle to look up from my fallen down position. And I can see Riona standing in front of me.

Her back is facing me while she spread wide her arms. It seems like that she is standing there trying to protect me from Yuisia.

“I won’t forgive anyone who bullies Hiro-chan.....!”

“Sto..... p it..... Riona..... she is..... you.....”

“It’s alright..... Hiro-chan, it’s alright now. Because Riona is here, Riona has come here.....!”

Riona who says that line while turning her face to me, her figure now really overlap with Hina’s figure that I saw in my past life.

---- Once, I have pledged myself to protect you. I definitely won’t let you die no matter what. (He refer to Hina and his act of rescue in prologue)

But why did she appear at this kind of place? No, she definitely is only her

look alike..... Hina should be still living happily on earth now. For me, that is the only truth that I believe.

“..... Demon Queen..... Lilith.....”

I could hear Yuisia’s whisper. She actually could..... see through Riona’s true identity easily.

Yuisia start to walks toward Riona slowly step by step. Seeing Yuisia approaching her, Riona still keep her pose to protect me even though I can see her small body trembling all over.

“You can’t! Don’t come here! Don’t bully Hiro-chan!”

No, if things continue on, even you wouldn’t be safe. Run away, escape far away from here!

If this is a nightmare then I hope it would quickly end. This petrified body of mine, Yuisia come approaching. And mother’s disease, if those all are

nightmare, please end quick.

---- But, they won't disappear, I can't escape. The sight in front of me and this pain of petrification, all of them are a legit cold hard truth.

Yuisia is now standing in front of Riona. And then I can see her hand tried to reach out to Riona. at that time ---- I...

“---- DON'T YOU DARE.....!”

I move my still moving hand and scream out loud.

Hearing my scream, Riona who is also determined to protect me suddenly gives out a peculiar reaction, and then ----

---- from her body, numerous black colored symbol appears then start rotating around with her body as the center while also keeps on expanding until it filled the whole room.

LOG

- 《Riona》is about to awakens her power as the Demon Queen.....!

“.....RIO.....NA.....!”

“.....I will definitely never forgive those who hurt Hiro-chan..... Because I am the one who will protect Hiro-chan.....!”

Riona who is still speaking like a child usually suddenly speak fluently like an adult.

---- There are no more places for doubt now.

It is indeed Miyamura Hina, my childhood friend in my previous live who are standing there in front of me.

“Hiro-chan, I will save you immediately okay..... I will make your pain go away. O rain of healing, grant strength once again to the corroded body..... [Healing Rain]”

LOG

- 《Riona》had recovered her Healing Magic skill until level 7!
- 《Riona》had activated [Healing Rain] magic arts!
- Your petrified state has been healed!
- 《Riona》awakening continues..... 《Riona》rate of demonification had been increased by 1 level!

With her power as the Demon Queen awakened, Riona's ability in magic blooms terrifyingly ---- And I managed to know such cruel truth from reading the record written in my log. Albeit the one that is awakened was not any kind of offensive magic, the one that she awakens is White Magic instead and that is because of her desire to help me from my peril.

Even when there are no clouds present here, a gentle healing shower of rain drizzles around me. And that is the magic that she uses. The part of my body that is already turned into stone from the effect of the petrification start turning back into flesh after getting in contact with the healing rain water. This magic is an advanced magic that is used to heal abnormal status effect..... and of course, curing petrification is also included into its range of effects.

---- But, the price that Riona need to pay for that power is not something cheap.

“Aa..... AAAaahh..... NOOoooo.....!”

From Riona’s small body, a pair of black wings suddenly appears on her back.

Those pair of wings that grows on her back is similar to that of a bat’s, wings that would only be grown on a devil’s back. And ironically, her black bat’s wings put a real contrast color to Yuisia’s glittering silver dragon wings. Their being is like an antithesis to each other.

I who recovered my mobility immediately move out to support Riona’s body which seems to be weakened and about to fall down because of the shock caused by her awakening. Those wings that is even more a nightmare than this already nightmarish situation proudly spread out here in this place.

“..... This is my fault..... Because of me..... Riona is..... Riona.....!”

Riona’s body powerlessly falls to me after she lost her consciousness. At least I must keep her safe from Yuisia no matter what.

“..... Don’t do anything to Riona..... She is not any of that Demon Queen crap.

I will definitely..... !!??”

‘I will definitely not let you take her’ is what I want to say but that word stuck back in my throat when I’m about to scream it at Yuisia..... because I got dumbfounded.

For a moment, I couldn’t understand just what is it that is happening in front of me.

After declaring that much about being [never cry and will not ever] firmly, on Yuisia’s cheeks right now ---- glittering drops of water are flowing slowly drops by drops one after another.

And those fallen drops of tears suddenly turned into hard-water drop shaped-crystal like object before falling to the ground and bouncing randomly around her.

“..... Lilith..... even after you get reborn again, you still choose to protect a human..... Why.....?”

Yes, Yuisia is now crying. But I don't know the reason why neither the meaning of the word she just spoke.

But there is one thing that clear for me..... and that is the fact that Yuisia knows about Lilith before she get reborn again as Riona.

And maybe because she knows Lilith from before... did she cries because of how Riona, who is Lilith reborn form, act like that? If that really is the case...

The relationship between the Sovereign Dragon and the Demon Queen Lilith is actually not a hostile one? But there are still tangled together on a certain fate that is impossible for a mere mortal to know..... Yeah, that's sound alright.

"..... You've said that you never cry before right? But aren't you crying right now..... Yuisia-san?"

"..... Am I..... crying.....?"

She then turn her face to look downward to the ground where her crystallized tears fallen to like she is oblivious of it.

The thing that I wanted the most in this world is there just in front of me. But only getting it doesn't mean anything --- if I don't manage to take those back home safely then all off it is just for naught.

(What should I do? Should I negotiate once again with Yuisia? Or.....)

There is no time to hesitate. Those crystallized tears are within my reach yet it seems infinitely far because the one I should protect, Riona, is laying unconscious in my hand. To get all the thing that I want, and to keep protecting all that is precious to me, I must not be hasty.....!

LOG

- The effects of [Dragon Howl] on《Yuisia》had expired.

- Your [Heavenly Luck] skill automatically activated!

(Heavenly Luck? That's right! The skill that I get when Fortune skill reaches level 100.....!)

This skill is the upgraded form of the Great Luck skill but this passive skill's effect is not only just to make the possessor have a better luck generally but it also have the effect of create a lucky life-saving happenings when they are in dire danger! I who keep on dancing in the border of death had unknowingly cleared the condition needed to activate the skill.

---- Just what kind of effect would the skill bring? All I can do is to pray for the best while waiting for the log to continue.

LOG

- [Charm] skill has been automatically activated! 《Yuisia》 failed to resist!
《Yuisia》 is now on a [Charmed] state!

(..... Isn't this..... The abnormal status resistance effect from the skill [Dragon Howl] loses its effects..... and at such time [Charm] skill activates along with [Heavenly luck] in tandem..... created a deadly combo.....)

At present, in this place, the thing that is the most threatening to us is the Sovereign Dragon, Yuisia, alone.

When I look at her again, I notice a tinge of red on her cheek that is wet with tears from her crying.

“..... The child of a human..... why..... He is just a human so yet.....”

---- I once again saw the phenomenon that is already become something familiar for me. But Yuisia's reaction of bewilderment is quite severe and very unlikely her previous cold as steel image.

Yuisia steal a glance at me who is still holding Riona in my arms. Now that my charm skill managed to do its work, the next thing that I must do had already been decided ---- Yuisia isn't a human. More or less, she is categorized as a monster. So in short.....

DIALOGUE

- You can use the skill [Servitude] to 《Yuisia》. Would you like to activate it?
YES / NO

(Now I can..... TAME HER.....!)

To shave off a monster stronger than yourself so you can use [Servitude] skill to the monster is basically an impossible task. I finally understand that after fighting Yuisia for real. She is after all managed to easily win against me without using any of her hidden trump card. Just her attack and defense power is already overwhelming.

To [Tame] that kind of opponent, there is only one possible way left..... and that is to put them on a [Charmed] state. I have tried to actively cast [Charm] a few number of times before to Yuisia with no apparent effect so I unconsciously thought that it is impossible to charm her.

I really forgot that even if I only have 1% chance to succeed, there's still a chance for it to success if I keep on persisting. And then with the combination of [Heavenly Luck], that 1% would become a definite success! Even a lesser Fortune type skill would make my chances with luck become better in general.

“..... I said that I would pledge my loyalty to someone strong..... but that is a bit incorrect. What I mean actually is that, I would pledge my loyalty to someone that I approve of”

Yuisia said that monotonically while her hand reach out to touch my cheeks in an endearing way. She keeps on caressing my cheek without any sign of getting tired of it. The smooth and tender feeling that I felt from my cheek when her finger caress my cheek made me wonder whether this girl in front of me is really a dragon or not.

“..... If I can have your crystallized tears then, I can allow you be my subordinate you know?”

“Alright. Human child..... what is your name? I haven’t really heard it yet”

Yuisia looks at me straight in the eyes from a very close proximity. Having a dragon girl with white wings approaching me while hugging my childhood friend with black wings in my arms. Just what kind of situation is this?

(..... Riona, I will definitely find a way. I feel like I know what I should do now)

While saying my thanks to Riona who protected me in dangerous time, I face straight to Yuisia and made my choice.

Once I tame her, Yuisia will forever be my Guardian Beast. This will become the strongest enemy turned into ally story that I know even with the knowledge from my previous live included ---- this story is just too unreal and too good to be true but because of that, the story become even more attractive just like a dream.

LOG

- 《Yuisia》 has become your Guardian Beast!

I have decided my 1st command to Yuisia. I order her to collect her crystallized tears then hand it over to me. I receive all the scattered crystallized tears and found out that there are a total of 10 crystallized tears that Yuisia just ‘made’..... After this, I will ask Neris-san to make Elixir to heal my mother.

“..... Goshujin-sama(Master)”

“WA!..... Please don’t use that way to call me from the start like that..... I feel a bit uneasy..... you can just call me Hiroto”

“Hiroto-sama..... I am the Sovereign Dragon, Yuisia. The one who loyal to

you..... I swear to offer you all of my life”

As a symbol to show her oath, she gives me a kiss in my brow.

And then, her expressionless face just now suddenly gone without a trace and changed into a bashful smile.

If the [Charm] effect lifted, she might return back to ‘normal’ but, since I tamed her too, the charm would never wear off.

With this, I can get the crystallized tears and also can safely return back home..... But I just can’t let everyone else see Riona’s current form.

“Yuisia..... hide Riona here for a while. I will return here after”

“..... The power of the Demon Queen is forcefully trying to awaken itself. Before she completely awakens, we have to put some kind of seal over her to stop it from going berserk”

“I know that. A method that might stop Riona from completing her demonization process..... there is only one way..... But I can’t immediately do that now”

For now, I have to return to where my mother is as soon as possible.

While worrying about Riona's condition, I quickly backtrack the path I take to get here. When I get into the passage that leads into the dragon's nest, I turn my face to look back for one last time and in the dragon's nest, I see Yuisia turning back to her dragon form and move to protect Riona who is still laying down unconscious.

(Wait for me Riona..... This might not be the most admirable method but, I can't just let you turn into a Demon Queen right?)

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When I rush out from the dragon’s nest, there is no monster coming to attack me. Maybe because all the Sword Lizard and Fire Drake that is living here are under Yuisia’s control that they did so.

The reason why Riona could get into the Dragon’s nest is probably because those monsters could feel her power as the Demon Lord. Well, unless I confirmed the truth with Yuisia this is just a mere theory but, looking from how Filianes-san and the other haven’t managed to reach here while Riona managed to come alone, it means that they are still blocked by the monsters somewhere and are unable to move forward.

(I was saved by Riona..... This time, it is my turn to save her)

To save her with the method that I think off, I must get Sarasa-san’s permission no matter what. And then simultaneously, I have to get a certain item from Sarasa-san’s hand no matter the price.

Without using my charm, I can only tell her the situation honestly..... And by doing that, I probably need to step on a taboo topic like how Sarasa-san and Riona aren’t related by blood. This conduct might hurt Sarasa-san’s feeling but I must do this no matter what.

Even for Sarasa-san, she is genuinely worried about Riona's well-being. And I definitely can't let her see the Riona's current situation where she grown a pair of devil wings.

I don't know if my method that I'm going to attempt could successfully return her back to normal. There might be other methods that are better but, for my current level of strength, the only thing that I could do is only this one method.

For the sake of saving me, Riona unleash her power, and heal me from being petrified.

She doesn't even care about the danger and came alone to the dragon's nest. Although it was I who usually protect her (I believe I've been trying my hardest to do so), but now she is the one who protects me instead.

Within Riona, I can clearly saw Hina's countenance.

And Hina, In my previous live, had also tried to protect me like today.

---- It's alright..... Hiro-chan, it is alright. Because Riona has come, because Riona will protect you.....!

"Why....."

When I was still a small kid in my past life, I joined a mountain hiking event but end up getting lost and wounded which render me unable to move. And the only one who search that fool which was none other than myself was only Hina.

Hina's parent let her carry a mobile phone attached with a GPS that is widely used to track the owner, or in this case the child, if they get lost. So just being together with her would means that we will soon be rescued. Mother and father scold me severely after but the thing that made me regret the most is that I never be able to convey Hina about the feeling of gratitude that I held toward her that time.

The reason of not saying that was because I thought that it was uncool. I'd wish that I don't hold onto such vain pride which made me feel regrets for the rest of my life.....

(I just, can't forget about it)

Every time I see Riona, a certain kind of thinking keep appearing inside my brain, and every time that thing appears, I keep denying it.

That thinking is about a what if situation. What if, at that time I save Hina, she

is actually died along with me, also had a meeting with the Goddess like me, and then end up reincarnating in this world like me? And then..... Riona.....

---- I just can't help hating myself for wishing for such situation to actually happen and keep denying myself.

If I could meet her once again, I want to redo it all from the start again. Won't I be able to choose the right choice this time? Such expectation starts to bud in my heart.

But that kind of situation is just too convenient! It just like thinking that the world revolves around with me as the center. Such kind of thinking is simply being haughty.

(..... Riona is Riona. But I still.....)

Want to make sure of it. Such kind of wish starts to appear in me. If Riona says that she doesn't know anything then the talk stops there. Does she know the name Miyamura Hina? Or maybe the name Morioka Hiroto..... (Direct translation so family name first then given name)

But that kind of talk had to wait until the time I return her back to her former figure without the pair of wings.



In the place close to the cave entrance, I finally meet Filianes-san and the rest of the party.

“Hiroto!..... I’m glad you are alright.....!”

“Hiroto-chan! Thank God, You made it back..... truly, thank god.....!”

When Filianes-san caught a sight of me, she immediately rushes up to me. Mar-san and Aletta-san quickly follows after her. They look at me with eyes that are red and are seem to be about to burst out with tears at any moment.

“I’m sorry for being unreasonable..... I managed to reach the depth of the cave and it is all thanks to you all” (Eros: I was tempted to add ‘Oneesans’)

“Looking at your face, you seem to manage getting the things that you want..... The crystallized dragon tear. You have done a marvelous feat indeed.....!”

I show Neris-san my pouch that is filled with the crystallized dragon tear.

Neris-san who sends me off with a strict expression is overcome with emotion after seeing the pouch and her voice is trembling in excitement.

"Tears of a dragon..... Exalted teacher, did you manage to beat the dragon? Or maybe....."

"Let me make it a secret for the time being. And also everyone, I hope that you don't go further inside. The Sword Lizards and Fire Drakes won't attack people anymore. But if they come to steal the treasure then they will attack you with all they had"

"I think that even if everyone knows that there are treasures here, no one would ever think about going inside..... Even this self is on her last of breath after facing such a ferocious enemies like them waves after waves. All this self can do now is only to cast paralyze and sleep spell to buy some time"

Wendy and Nameless-san are only at level 25. Compared to level 45 Filianes-san and level 30 but having level 75 in Strong Body skill Mar-san, they are just too weak and ended up having a harsh fight. Alletta-san is also look pale with sweat flooding her brow, she must've been casting her healing skill nonstop in the fight. The lava inside the cavern is also making the temperature inside relative high which successfully silently saps away everyone's strength. The

party's fatigue are apparent.

"Well then..... I know that I am the one who requesting assistance to all of you but my bad, I need to quickly return to my hut together with Hiroto. Everyone, please return to Mizell first"

"We will do as you say, Hermit-dono"

Hearing Filianes-san's respectful way of calling, Neris slowly shakes her head.

"I am the one called as the witch of Mizell. Not a hermit but a hook nosed granny"

Even if she said that, her appearance now doesn't look like anything besides Filianes-san's same age peer. Mar-san and the rest even smiling wryly looking at the miss-match between her speech and her appearance (Neris Obaba speak in archaic old accent which I am not skillful enough to translate and also for reminder: Obaba = great granny)

"Err..... Well then Hiro-chan, we will return first then wait for any news from

you okay!"

"I heard from hermit-sama that you are making a secret medicine. I will pray for your success in making it"

"Exalted teacher, and err, Obaba-sama, I wish you luck!"

"Calling her Obaba-sama really made this self feel uneasy..... This self will call you Neris-Dono then. Then, Hiroto-kun, hang in there okay? This self and the rest will always think of you. Never forget that okay?"

"Yeah..... Really, Thank you, everyone"

Mar-san, Aletta-san, Wendy, Nameless-san go ahead and return to the city first. Filianes-san who hasn't go back together with the other yet come to me and says something that is just like how I predicted before.

"..... When we are still in the middle of fighting, Riona suddenly came. I've tried to stop her but she just won't listen. She said that she will save you Hiroto and run into the depth of the cave. Did you meet her inside.....?"

"Yeah, I met her. Riona is safe..... but she currently can't go back right now. She is now waiting somewhere safe until I come to take her back"

"Hiroto..... you said that you want to make it a secret from everyone else

but..... If Riona is safe then, does it mean that you also have beaten the dragon? Or, don't tell me.....”

Filianes-san knows that I have Tame skill from having practice with my pet slime before so she also thinking of the same possibility as I am: the possibility of taming the Sovereign Dragon into an ally. But even if she managed to think of such possibility, even she herself doesn't dare to believe that.

I can just lie to her here but, I think, if it is Filianes-san then I think I'm fine with letting her know the truth. As a Holy Knight, she definitely won't be careless in opening her mouth. She would keep it a secret even from Mar-san and Aletta-san until the time is right.

“..... I managed to tame the dragon that protects the treasure in the dragon's nest and make it my ally. That's why, Riona is safe”

“..... You really..... Before I realize it, you had already walked far ahead of me.....”

Filianes-san put her hand which is still wrapped with gauntlet on my shoulder and says that. And then, she finds wound marks from by battle with the Sovereign Dragon. She seemed to be pitying me a great deal after that.

“There’s no such thing like that. I still want Filianes-san to teach me about many things”

“..... Having you minding on my feeling like this made me feel even more pitiful. But what matters now is not me but your mother. I pray for your success in creating the secret medicine and for it to be effective in healing your mother”

“Yes..... Thank you, Filianes-san”

If she feels that I have put a distance between us, then I want to convey my feeling to her that she is wrong. That’s why I gently hold Filianes-san’s arm with both of my hand like trying to wrap it completely.

“Neris-san, let’s go. I will run at my full speed. Could you keep up with me?”

“Who do you think I am? If I use this flying broom, I can reach my hut in just a flash”

“Hermit-dono..... no, Neris-dono. I pray for your success”

Filianes-san does one last salute then sees me off. Leaving her behind, I and Neris-san rush to her hut together.



Neris-san believes that I will definitely succeed in gathering the Crystallized Tear so she had already prepares the drug-making process until the last step so that she can immediately start making the elixir once she get back.

The Mandragora has been wrung to get its extract and is now stored inside a flask like thing. Using that Mandragora extract as the solvent, other ingredient was melt in the appropriate amount. And now, the only thing that left on top of the spirit flame used to keep the concoction warm is just a rainbow colored liquid.

“..... All that is left is just the Crystallized Tear. After I finish concocting this, my magic power would definitely used up so after the elixir completes, I probably would lose my consciousness but don’t worry. When I regain my consciousness back, I would only gone back into my old Obaba-sama appearance”

“Neris-san..... I’m sorry for troubling you so much.....”

Looking at me who feeling guilty, Neris-san shows the same gently smiles like when her appearance is still that of Obaba-sama. That smile is like the biggest

prove of her being Obaba-sama. Even if her appearance changes, she is still the same person inside.

“When looking at you, I can’t help reminiscing about my younger days. At that time, I was also called as a genius. I also thought that there is nothing that I couldn’t do. But after that I slowly get more informed about this wide world and realize my own haughtiness. Hiroto..... you should also see the wide world by your own two eyes then learn from it just like how I was. You have done well in collecting these ingredients for Elixir. But have you ever seen the actual divine beasts that become its ingredient? When you witness all of those divine beasts figure, I’m sure that you will grow up some more”

“..... I understand, Neris-san”

“Umu! Such an obedient child..... Remilia will definitely get cured. Believe in that and use the elixir. If you place Elixir inside a normal container, the container will dissolves..... Put it inside this crystal container and make sure you seal it tight okay”

Neris-san holds the flask with both hand and start concentrating. Her mouth moves minutely, she is chanting some incantation that I can’t hear.

“UWA.....!?”

And then, at the moment when a Crystallized Tear enters the flask, my sight is fully filled dazzling light.

When the light subsides, the liquid inside the flask is dyed with the crimson rose color.

“..... The color which represent life, the color of red..... tincture of scarlet. I entrust this to you..... my disciple, Hiroto.....”

“Obaba-sama.....!”

Milty who keep on watching the scene in silence quickly rush up to Neris-san who has fallen down on the floor. After Neris-san gives Milty a pat in the head and smiles, she slowly closes her eyes like she is going to sleep. Just like she tells me before, her Mana is almost empty with only one digit left.

“Hiroto..... I will take care of Obaba-sama. So you go and help your mother”

“Ah..... I understand. Milty, I’m sorry for making you worry”

“No..... It’s alright. I will also, go, later”

Milty is also praying for my mother recovery. This Elixir isn't just only has mine, but also the feeling of everyone else packed inside.

I quickly moved the Elixir liquid inside the flask into the crystal container that Neris-san had prepared before. But even so, there is still half of the elixir left behind the flask but I can't take it anymore than this.

LOG

- You have acquired [Elixir]

I grasp the medicine container tightly then immediately run to the medical treatment place where Mother is.

There, I find the figure of my father. And when father also realize of my existence ---- he did a thing that is already within my expectation.

He raises his fist overhead. And it is for the sake of scolding me who suddenly gone without noticing him.

But that hand keep on hanging on the air, father didn't swing it down to me. Instead, father Ricardo falls to his knees and hug me tightly.

“Thank god..... Hiroto... Daddy went around the town looking for you when I realize that you are gone you know.....!”

“..... I’m sorry, daddy. I... want to try saving mommy no matter what”

Father then let me go from his hug then he look at me straight in the eyes. His cheek is sunken terribly and there’s a large black spot under both of his eyes..... Since knowing that mother’s condition had took turn to the worse, he is probably getting less and less sleep.

And in order to not let me realize his condition, father always acts strong in front of me. Looking at such father, I can’t help but feeling proud of him.

---- At that time, the door to the room where we are now opened up suddenly with great rush. The one who shows up is the midwife and her expression is extremely ghastly.

“Ricardo-san, Remilia-san is.....!”

“Wha..... REMILIA.....!”

Father quickly dash away. I quickly follow up behind him to where my mother is.

Other thing in my head got instantly swept clean by this sudden happening. I want to save my mother, that is the only thing that I have in my mind right now.

“Remilia-san, can you hear me? Remilia-san!”

The medical staff is continuously calling for her but she isn't replying. Mother just keeps laying there on top of the bed without moving.

---- There is no more time to waste. I quickly run to my mother side. The medical staff is saying something to me but I just ignore him and putting the medicine container close to my mother's mouth. From the medicine container, I let one drop of elixir falls to mother's mouth.

LOG

- You made Remilia drink [Elixir].
- But there is no effect.

---- Why.

I've made it with the medicine so why? Elixir supposed to be effective to any kind of ailment so why?

"Mommy..... No..... Don't die.....!"

"Hiroto-kun, what are you..... Ricardo-san, what is your kid doing.....?"

"..... Hiroto..... for mommy's sake, prepares a medicine.....?"

I don't even catch what the medical staff and my father said. I wouldn't even manage to understand what they are saying if I did hear it as my complexion turn pale while cling into my mother's body that is still closing her eyes like she is sleeping.

I am not late right? Even the medical staff was saying just a moment ago that mother still have enough vitality to endure a surgery right?

"That's a lie..... That is just a lie..... Mommy..... MOTHER.....!"

"..... Remilia....."

I can't accept such reality. Turning back after hearing his voice, I realized that father also act the same as me..... he is still having difficulty in understanding the things happening.

Am I too late? Is everything too late? In the corner of my swerved vision, my mother's status is currently displayed.

STATUS

Name: Remilia Siegrid

Human Female 22 years old level 12

Job: Noble woman

Life: 0/76

---- No.

This is not acceptable! She shouldn't be dead! Mother..... mother should be cured if there is Elixir here, she definitely had to.....

"We might still be able to save the baby inside her..... so from now on"

The medical staff who about to continue what he says freezes up when father

Ricardo grab ahold his shoulder in a menacing expression. Even I got scared by father's demon-like expression.

"So you are saying that you still going to hurt her even when she already becoming like this you said.....!?"

"Ricardo-san, there is still a possibility to save your child..... Even Remilia-san should wish..... Ugh"

---- Yes, she should have wished to save the baby too because mother is a kind person..... Even I know what my mother think off. I am after all her son that was made from her flesh and blood.

But so..... even so.

Even if the numerical figure tells me to give up, I won't ever give this up!

No matter how humiliating it is, or even if the goddess is laughing at my foolishness, I will keep on trying and trying until the very last.

To fulfill my wish, to keep my mother alive.

“Remilia-san.....!”

Sarasa-san rush up into the medical ward. When she realizes my mother current condition, she quickly rush up to her side and then start casting her healing magic.

“Remilia-sama..... get ahold yourself! You have to keep on living no matter what!”

The next one that appears is Filianes-san..... and then Monica-san, Tanya-san, and Filone-san follow up behind her.

“Remilia! Don’t you dare leave such a cute kid like Hiroto behind! I won’t let you go first! Don’t go!”

“Remilia! If you gone then I will steal Hiroto-chan from you, you know!? Are you alright with that!?”

“Please get back here Remilia..... I beg you please.....!”

And the stream of people just doesn't stop at those three. Other people that is acquainted to my mother or to me starts coming in one by one.

Mar-san, Aletta-san, Wendy, Nameless-san, Sera-san, Meruone-san, Elena-san..... Bardis gramps, Ash, Deen, and even Stella.

Everyone is calling to my mother's name. because of their call, the fire of life that should have been put out on my mother's cheek suddenly starts turn slightly red, and I managed to notices it.

---- There are still much left with the elixir. If the first drop only enters her mouth and haven't passed through her throat..... then there should be, some hope left.

(Please..... I beg you..... I beg you please.....!)

LOG

- You have given a request to 《Remilia》.

(Request..... to mother now.....?)

The request that I sent to my mother who already have her life point reaches 0, my true target is.....

“..... Nnn.....”

At the next moment, mother's throat moved slightly. After realizing that elixir had passed through mother's throat, mother's body suddenly wrapped in a warm light.

LOG

- The elixir had successfully enters《Remilia》's body and start showing its effect!
- Both 《Remilia》 and her baby regain their vitality back!

“..... Aaa.....”

I am speechless. After seeing that strings of log, I once again check out my mother's status to ascertain things.

STATUS

Name: Remilia Siegrid

Human Female 22 years old level 12

Job: Noble woman

Life: 1/76

STATUS

Name: Remilia Siegrid

Human - Female - 22 years old - level 12

Job: Noble woman

Life: 1/76

“A..... Aaa.....”

She is healed. Mother's life point that has been dropped to 0 is returning back to 1.....

Mother is alive. A tinge of red is returning to her cheek and her chest starts moving up and down peacefully again.

Everyone present could only gulped down a large amount of air and then fall silent. The one who is closest to mother, father Ricardo, is trying to check whether she is still alive or not and after confirming her breathing and pulse, large grain of tears start falling down on his cheek.

“..... Remilia..... Ahh..... Remilia is..... Remilia is still alive..... alive.....”

“Goddess, I beg for your mercy..... grant us with your healing light to lift all of our pain as all we hope are your gentle pardon for our sin” (Eros: I took many liberty translating this)

LOG

- 《Sarasa》is chanting the magic [Resurrection]!
- 《Remilia》is recovering her life point!

Sarasa-san immediately cast high grade healing magic to my mother who just resurrected back to life. Elixir should've fully healed her but seems like it is losing its effect after resurrecting mother's life back..... But thanks to Sarasa-san's healing magic, I can't feel the presence of death from my mother anymore.

“Remilia..... You stupid! Don't scare me like that..... I thought that you're gonna die!”

“Thank god..... Remilia..... Really..... I'm glad.....”

Monica-san and two other trio clings to my mother body and cried. While the other trio from the knight brigade also couldn't stop their tears from free falling from their eyes.

"Hauu~..... I... I can't..... I can't hold it anymore..... Uwaaan!"

"M-Mar-san, don't act like a child..... and Filianes-sama also....."

Mar-san and Aletta-san is crying loudly. Even Filianes-san is also doing the same.....

"Hic..... Hiroto..... your mother..... Remilia-sama is saved..... that is great..... truly great....."

Filianes-san is hugging me from behind while crying. With the warmth from her hug, my constrained mind starting to relax and as my mind turn even more relaxed, my tears started to run down without me being able to hold it back.

The medical staff is dumfounded by the miracle happened in front of him and keep on standing on the spot. But even so, as he had to do his job, he recovered and quickly moves in to affirm my mother condition and then deeply bows his

head towards my father.

"I'm sorry. This happened because me lacking in skill. The drug that Hiroto-kun brought back had save Remilia-san..... It is really presumptuous of me to call myself as a medical practitioner. I don't try to do my best to save her and even given up halfway....."

"No..... you don't have to ask for forgiveness. After all, it is my kid here who causes this miracle by his hard work..... I also don't know that Hiroto is doing his best out there and could only grieve in despair, unable to do anything. I'm a failure as a father"

After father Ricardo wipes his tears, he moved to stand beside me and then gives me a pat in the head.

For father, losing mother is something that he feared the most. Even more than facing dangers that would come at him from being the protector of the Demon Sword.

I know how deep father's love is toward mother. And to think that I was born from such love, I can't think of anything besides the feeling of gratefulness toward the two of them.

Will I also, someday in the future, come to love someone just like them?

---- No, I don't intent on continuing my childish façade..... It's just that, because I am still in this body of a child, it is impossible for me to form a decent love just yet.

Filianes-san has already conveyed her feeling despite me still being like this. And not only her, there are also Riona, Milty, and even Stella.

At present the little childrens (except Riona who aren't present) are all crying. Deen's face is a total mess from her tears and snot, Ash still tries to keep up his smile even while tearing up..... and Stella is crying in Elena-san's chest.

Meruone-san takes her glasses off to wipe her tears. Her eyes are red from crying. When our eyes meet, she somehow looks embarrassed but still managed to forced out a smile.

And then..... my eyes meet with Monica-san's. She then walk up to me then hug me from the front.

"Hiroto, when you left me behind, I just don't know what will happen then but even so, I still can't get angry at you"

"Un..... I'm sorry, Monica-neechan. And thank you for calling everybody to help"

“..... It’s alright you know. But the next time you going to do another reckless thing, make sure to bring me along okay? Don’t leave me worried behind”

Now, I can definitely promise her that I would do so. I won’t do any more dangerous things after all.

---- But, this is not yet the end. I turned my gaze to the one who gives my mom healing magic earlier. And that person is exactly Sarasa-san.

I have something I must confirm from her no matter what..... in order to save Riona.

But now, I still want to soak in this happiness feeling from mother’s resurrection..... for a bit longer.

I hold my still sleeping mother’s hand and look at her peaceful sleeping face from the side. There are no feeling of pain and suffering, just peace..... I can indeed feel her vitality getting normal.

After confirming my mother’s condition, I raise my head and accidentally meet Grandpa Bardis’s gaze who has been keeping his silent for a while. Noticing my gaze, he smiled and nods deeply a few times to me.



I told Sarasa-san that I have an important matter to talk to her so we come to her house to talk.

Sarasa-san seems to vaguely guess what I want to talk with her as Riona is missing..... but she doesn't seem to be losing her composure even when she knows that.

“..... Hiroto-chan, is Riona alright?”

“Yes, she is alright..... But she can't go back now and even if she did, it would perhaps take some time for her to get back.....”

I don't know whether the method that I thought of can stop Riona's demonification process nor would it also make those wings gone from her back.

And even if I manage to stop her demonification now, there are no guarantees that it will permanently stop it for good. I feel like I just delaying the problem for later..... but still.

“I was saved by Riona. That’s why it is now my turn to save her”

“..... Hiroto-chan... Did Riona..... use some sort of special power in front of you.....?”

I answer Sarasa-san’s question with a nod. I feel like betraying her if I lie to her now. After all, she is Riona’s only mother (even if it was not by blood).

“Riona..... was using magic to save me. That was a really amazing healing magic”

“..... That girl should not be old enough to be able to cast magic. And even more to cast some amazing magic that even I couldn’t reach yet..... Is that how it is.....?”

“..... Yeah. My body was almost turned into stone and she managed to return it back to normal”

Sarasa-san seems perplexed from my explanation. But after looking how serious I am, color of determination appears in her eyes.

She slowly took off the hood that she always put on. And hidden under that

hood is a pair of pointed ears that is longer than the usual human's.

"I am..... actually come from a race that is forbidden to stay inside this town. The race knows as half elf....."

"Why can't you stay? Is it because you have longer ears than others that you are forbidden from staying?"

"That is..... Because there are rule that says that it is forbidden for an Elf and human to procreate together. That's why, as a half elf, I have to hide my ears or I won't be able to live in human's town like this"

I know, because that is also a setting that was already present even in the game. Half elf owns their own autonomous independent city but they are only allowed to live inside that city.

But because of elf and half elf high aptitude in magic, they are frequently hunted by (some of) human and monster.

The [Sarasa Roneria] that appears in the game was one of the half elves that are abducted by a black magician named King of Spirit. After being abducted, she is then shackled by that black magician as a slave by carving her skin with a kind of un-erase-able slave mark.

There are info about that black magician that he is planned to appear as an

unimplemented quest's boss but he have yet to implemented in the game while I was alive.

“..... Even if Riona is a half elf and is also a child, she is already able to use an amazing and complicated magic. And Hiroto-chan had witnessed it.....”

“..... Riona’s ear isn’t long. Actually, I understand the truth”

Riona is not Sarasa-san’s actual daughter.

But I thought that to say it out loud would be rude for her so I just vaguely said it. I will wait until Sarasa-san confesses about it herself.

But this case about Riona demonification is something that I can’t ignore. If her demonification still continues on even now then I have to quickly seal her as soon as possible before it’s all become too late.

“Sarasa-san..... If you are asking why I know such things then let’s set that aside for the next time. You can even scold me for that. But for now, I have a request that I must get from you no matter what”

“..... Yes, let me hear it. I definitely won’t get angry at you..... If it is something that Hiroto-chan said then”

Even when I already receive this much trust from her, I still need to squeeze out my courage dry so I can be brave enough to tell her.

---- I definitely can’t say that I know all about it from the very start. Like who would’ve thought that Sarasa-san who is living peacefully in this town was a former slave.....?

But even so, I have to say it no matter what. The fact about her being a slave, and coincidentally, about the ‘possibility’ that is opened because of that fact.

“..... Sarasa-san should wear a choker now, right? I hope that you can give that to me”

Sarasa-san doesn’t seem surprised from hearing my words. She only touch her neck that is covered by a shawl like cloth and gazes at me without saying a word.

“..... I can’t remove this for now. As this is a shackle that binds me..... I can’t, for now.....”

“It is possible for me to remove it. I even know that much you know”

“..... Such..... Such thing is.....”

In Eternal Magia, there is an equipment that would force any human or half elf who wear it to fall into the status of slaves and that equipment name is the [Slave's Choker].

In the case where the slaves were bought, then the slaves couldn't remove the [Slave's Choker] until they work the amount of money they were paid for. And in case of half elf slave like Sarasa-san, her sale price is set to be far more expensive than human slave.

Even if she managed to overwrite her job as a Sage, she couldn't erase her Slave skill. I can see it in her status that she has 10 levels left in her Slave skill.

Back in game, Sword Hand Slaves can release themselves from the slave status by working independently or alternatively, other people can free them by paying their 'Slave's Ransom' and those Sword Hand Slaves would have their Slave skill reduced to 0 in an instant. Doing this will increase the NPC favor towards you and then you can recruit them as a party member normally.

---- Going by that system, then I can just shoulder Sarasa-san's 'Slave's

Ransom' and pay the correspondent amount of money to release her from being a slave.

"Hiroto-chan..... I definitely can't take this choker off. If it is not the one who put them on me then..... Uh"

This is the first time I see Sarasa-san being this agitated. Sarasa-san who usually acts gentle is now acting like she is afraid of me and slowly takes one step back after another.

I don't immediately try to reduce the distance between me and her. I do it so that I won't agitate her further.

The woman whose height made me have to bend my neck to look up to is actually frightened like a little girl toward me. Does releasing her from being a slave is something that scary.....? Isn't it something worth trying because she doesn't have anything to lose? But it seems like this problem isn't as simple as that.

Maybe she thinks that she is not worthy of having a hope for herself. That she is nor worthy and a being that should never be released from slavery by me..... From Sarasa-san's reaction toward me, all that I can think of are along those lines.

“..... The one who can remove this choker..... has to be Haynes no matter what. Because that person..... until I released from being a slave, have never.....”

---- Ah, so that's it all about.

Sarasa-san calls Haynes as her husband but..... Riona is not the daughter from the two of them. And not only that.....

Between Sarasa-san and Haynes, they haven't had any relationship that is close to being a husband and wife yet. (Eros: Sarasa end NTR possibility!? lol) So this is the cause why Haynes-san frequently goes out at night to drink and made my father end up giving him advice to do it in moderation.

I don't know what happened between the two of them that made them end up living in Mizell..... I don't know the reason of them raising Riona as a daughter either.

If a bit more time passed then perhaps Sarasa-san and Haynes-san would become a true husband and wife. And her choker would be taken off by someone else that me.

---- But, for me..... even if I were to take her choker off, I definitely won't force anything to Sarasa-san. I will gladly give her freedom and wish her happy with it.

"..... I want to save Riona. And to save her, I would do anything I could do. I know you might think that I am talking nonsense but....."

"To save Riona..... would become possible if you have this choker.....?"

Again, Sarasa-san touches her neck which is covered by the shawl. It must be where the Slave's Choker is.

Sarasa-san then for a moment, gazing at someplace that is not here.

---- After she done with that, the fear inside her eyes gradually vanished.

"..... From the time I saw you for the first time, I always had this kind of thought: that with meeting you, something would change for me and for Riona..... I always had than hunch inside. Besides the feeling of gratefulness towards my husband..... I always, toward Hiroto-chan....."

“From the time when I was still a baby till today, Sarasa-san always treat me nicely so I am feeling thankful toward you. That’s why, I will do things as how Sarasa-san wants it. Even if it is to give up on taking up your choker too.....”

“..... If you said it that way, how can I refuse? Why Hiroto-chan is such..... and you are still just a 4 years old boy.....”

Sarasa-san is bewildered. I know she can’t help it..... after all, even if I acts unlikely a child usually, my act now is the most not children like ever.

Because I said that I will shoulder her Slave’s Ransom in order to take off Sarasa-san’s Slave’s Choker.

“I think that compared to others, I matures too quickly. But there also time when I think that I want to keep being or rather, acting child for the time being. I know I just wanting to have things easier for myself but, in front of my father and mother, I want to keep acting like a child for them”

“You..... have already understand everything right? Because you seems to understand such things then you should also understand other secret right? Do you understand what I think of Haynes as.....?”

“You think of him as an important person so you don’t want to betray him. Am I correct.....? I am actually not that sharp about things like this”

It is really embarrassing to say it myself. After all my total age should be in the twenties yet I am still a stranger toward romance.

I might be able to understand a bit of it now. I also tried to understand women's feeling even more now when compared to my life before.

But if Sarasa-san is thinking that Haynes-san is someone that is the most important then I..... even if it was to save Riona, I won't force her to take off her choker.

---- I can't force her to obey me so I could only look for another method.

The moment when I am thinking about that, Sarasa-san suddenly take off her shawl that was covering her neck. Underneath it, is a choker that is made by a black colored leather and fragments of metal, with a broken chain connected right in the middle tightly wraps her white neck.

"..... My husband..... no, Haynes-san has promised me that he would take my choker off someday. And I think I would wait for him to do so..... But, if I did so then Riona can't go back home. Hiroto-chan..... isn't that right.....?"

"..... Yes. If things went as I planned then, I just can't think of other method to

save her. This might sound irresponsible as the one thinking the method but..... I think that trying this method is better than not doing anything”

This is only a temporary solution until I can seal up Riona's demon lord power away for good.

But until that time comes, I can't just let her live alone by herself. That would be too pitiful for her..... that's why...

LOG

- «Sarasa» is waiting for your command. Will you give her a command? YES / NO

Even without activating my Charm skill, Sarasa-san affection level to me still stays in the highest level.

Her feeling toward me is at the same level with her feeling toward Haynes-san or might even be higher. If she thinks that her feeling toward me is a betrayal toward Haynes-san then..... I really have been tormenting her for a long time.

And with that, I am yet again going to conduct another sin. The Slave's Choker that I receive from Sarasa-san will be..... used for her daughter, Riona.

If Riona gives her consent then her job will change into a Slave.

If that could actually happen then her job would no longer be [Child of Destruction] any longer. And her fate as the reincarnation of the demon lord could be postponed until a later date when I already have enough power to protect her from everything.

If this method fails then..... I would do anything to save her.

I don't do this just because she is sacrificing herself to save me..... that is not the only reason I have.

It is just because I purely want to save her. I want her to live normally as a human. That is my biggest and most important reason there is.

“..... I will put on that choker to Riona. If you agree with that, then please hand it over to me”

“..... If that really does save her then, I will believe you. I will believe Hiroto-chan..... because I have decided to do so from the start”

Sarasa-san finally gives out a smile. And that smile is not one from giving up or being irresponsible either.

'Slave's Choker is an important item to save Riona' just who else would believe that kind of foolish stories? But Sarasa-san believes in me. She believe in me without any shred of doubt whatsoever.

LOG

- You have shouldered 《Sarasa》 Slave's Ransom of 2000 gold.
- You have removed the equipped [Slave's Choker] from 《Sarasa》.
- You received the [Slave's Choker].

The money I put inside my inventory has mostly gone in order to [Purchase] Sarasa-san. I even do it without any slight of hesitation. Even if the system calls it as an act to [Purchase], for me, it will be an act of [Liberating]. I don't know where the vanishing gold coins gone to, maybe it has gone into the goddess' wallet ---- I can't help but think about such sarcasm now. Well, perhaps the money has gone to the black magician that made Sarasa-san a slave. Who knows? Anyway, such things aren't important right now.

After the choker got taken off from Sarasa-san's neck, a trace of red marks can be seen on her white skin. When that mark gone forever from her neck, would she be able to smile even brighter than today? Would she return to the original her?

"..... Please take care of the girl. I will be waiting in the house for her return"

"Yeah, I will definitely bring her back. I will bring Riona back to return to this home"



I am currently walking inside the cavern that leads to the dragon's nest. As expected there are no monsters attacking me inside the cavern. Rather than that, the two Sword Lizards that I tamed before is waiting for me midway inside the cavern like a servant greeting their master who just get back home. They even bow their head after finding my figure..... their intelligence seems to be unexpectedly high.

When I enters Yuisia's nest, I found Yuisia in her dragon form that is looking after the laying down Riona who still have a pair of wings growing from her back.

She seems to detect my presence as she slowly opens her eyes. And then she rises up her body and look at the wings that is growing in her back..... even after looking at the unusualness in her body, she still firmly hold out her smile.

Even though her expression shows that she is about to cry anytime now.

"Hiro-chan..... I got wings growing in my back. I can't go back to where everyone is now that I have these right.....?"

"..... There's no such thing as that. Let's be together from now on forever okay. With your mommy, and daddy....."

"No..... I can't. After all, I am not mommy and daddy real daughter after all....."

"Wha.....!?"

Until now, she never shows any sign of it. ---- but I think that is just me belittling her too much. No matter how she is still a kid like that, there's no way she doesn't realize the thing that is happening to her own body. Even in case for Sarasa-san, no matter how much she tries to hide it, by living together under one roof, Riona should have many chances to have a glimpse on her ears.

"Daddy is only someone who saved mommy a long time ago..... and my mommy is someone who saved me. She picked me up when I was thrown away in front of the church. And then..... she always..... until now....."

".....Riona..... So, you know everything.....?"

She knows that her parents are not her true parents. And even when she is aware with that fact, she still acts like any other innocent child, I just can't imagine how she feel all this time.

She always follows me from behind anywhere while calling me Hiro-chan, Hiro-chan. She usually seems simple minded and would show her spoiled side from times to times..... Her cheerfulness is just too bright to my eyes.

She is just look to similar to Hina from my previous live. Once, I heard that the meaning of Hina's name is also a form of prayer that wishes for her to grow up into a bright cheerful girl like the sun.

---- But it is not like that in reality. Riona is..... just trying her hardest to look cheerful.

Like trying to hide the tears that are welling up in her eyes, she turns her back at me. But even so, I can still see that her trembling small back.

"I am not their real daughter so I can't forever stay with them right.....? Moreover having these wings growing from my back like this..... I definitely can't go back to where my mommy is....."

"There's no such thing as that..... If Riona doesn't come back then your mother will definitely feel lonely. That's why, let's go back together. If it is about

those wings then let me do something about it.....!"

When Riona turns her face back at me again, she already couldn't hold her tears back as it is already spilling nonstop in her cheek.

She just could keep up her smile any longer. There's just no way she can keep her smile now.

"How can I do that?..... Mommy will be troubled so I won't go back. Because I..... I am a monster after all....."

"You are not a monster..... Aren't you still having a human's heart? And your appearance also doesn't differ much with a human. If you are not a human then what are you?"

I hug Riona tightly, rubs her back, and talk to her in the kindest tone that I could. If I can't persuade her now, she would never return back home..... and I definitely won't allow that.

"Hiro-chan..... Please stop..... If you are together with me, Hiro-chan would only get more trouble....."

[Trouble]. It is a word that the usual Riona would definitely never use.

I always thought that she looks a bit foolish usually but she is actually keeping many things inside. And now, all the thing that she kept inside is spilling out unable to stop.

“..... Riona. We are actually..... already know each other before we are born to this world. If I said that would you believe me.....?”

Yuisia who is watching us from the sideline gives a small groan hearing what I said. It is not strange for her to react like that because after all, what I said just now is only.....

Is only a what IF story I imagined myself.

But I don't know that my what IF scenario actually hits home.

---- Because Riona is the one who knows the fact.

“..... I won’t laugh”

Even while having her voice trembles from her despair, she still give me a certain reply.

“Even if other people laugh at you, I will definitely not. I will certainly not laugh. After all..... I.....”

---- I knew you Hiro-chan. Because I was Hina.

That is Riona reply. With her answer, I already have a definite proof but still, somewhere inside me, I somehow just can’t accept the truth.

“..... Is it you..... Hina.....?”

I can't believe it. Well, how could I? But if Riona knows the name [Hina] then..... If I don't say that name then it might never again appear in this world but I just have to affirm it. After all, I never said anything about my previous live before.

"I thought I save you at that day..... but why are you here..... why.....?!"

Did I actually fail saving her? Did Hina also lose her life together with me at that accident.....?

I can't help but crash my anxiety and helplessness directly to Riona. I know that getting angry at the person that I want to rescue is just barking at the wrong tree but I just can't help myself.

I can live on happily without any regret of my previous life because I thought I managed saving Hina in the last moment of my life. No, I can make myself accept everything with that.

But if I actually failed in saving her..... then doesn't that mean that I actually died a useless death without being able to do anything at all in my previous life?

I know that having a meaningful death isn't everything. But even so, even

when I know that wanting a meaningful death is just my own pride getting the better of myself, I could still feel the foundation under my feet crumbles apart after knowing my death was meaningless. I am losing the thing that is supporting me.

---- I'm sorry.

I'm sorry for my failure in protecting you.

I want to apologize but the word just won't come out. Even when I think that I must ask for her forgiveness no matter what, I still can't. And then, the words that come out from my mouth are something entirely different.

"..... You always..... tell me to come to school... Yet I always ignore you....."

"..... No, it was my fault for pushing you too much. The one at fault should be me"

How can you still say something like that? You are definitely not in the wrong so why you always blame yourself?

At least in this world, even if you are the reincarnated body of the Demon Lord, you are innocent.....

"Hiro-chan did nothing wrong..... But because the teacher was siding with that kid who Hiro-chan fought with, it is understandable why Hiro-chan doesn't want to go to school anymore"

Ah yeah, there was something like that. The beginning was actually just something trivial.

But because of that, I start to hate school and I lost my place there. And then I started thinking that I would do just fine even without going to school.

And then I just become a shut in. I never think about how Hina feels when she looks at the shut in me. She must've suffered each time she saw me but I could never realize it as I never tried to look straight at reality.

And for the disappointment which is me, not being chosen as her boyfriend is just natural.

I know it was natural but I still couldn't help feeling jealous all the same. I feel jealous at that guy who walks under the light in contrast of myself and managed

to get Hina for himself.

“..... Why are you here?..... Did you..... also died together with me at that time.....?”

In this moment, I forgot my current self as a child and return back on being Morioka Hiroto instead.

And then Riona who also supposed to be a child, return back on being Miyamura Hina.

Her crying face is just the exact same as back then when she was crying as a child.

“It’s not that..... Hiro-chan was..... It was only Hiro-chan..... that rescues me.....”

And then died in her place. Thank god. So it was really only me.....

"Then why..... why did you reincarnated as [Riona] here in this world? If you have lived, such thing is....."

Impossible. If I managed to rescue Hina then how could she reincarnates here?

But Hina who reincarnated as Riona is standing right in front of me. And if that is an undeniable truth by itself then.....

Hina reincarnates to this world by her own free will. That is the only conclusion I have left.

But why would she throw away that world which was supposed to be a bright place to her?

---- No. That world was a bright world for her?

That might be just me selfishly judged her one-sidedly. That might be just me accusing her wrongly.

“..... After the wake for Hiro-chan funeral, I beg Hiro-chan’s mother to let me enter Hiro-chan’s room. The game that Hiro-chan played..... if I’m not wrong, the title is Eternal Magia right?”

“Did you..... go into my room..... Hina.....?”

Riona give me a nod to answer my question.

And then she continues telling her story which I made myself believe as [definitely impossible] step by step.

“I then tried playing that game. After I played it for some while, I somehow lose consciousness..... then I meet the one that is called The Goddess. And she told me that Hiro-chan is indeed died but he has been reincarnated in a different world..... So that’s why.....”

“..... You also wished to follow me and reincarnate into this world, right? Why? Aren’t you still alive?..... Didn’t I save you at that time? So why.....!?”

Aren’t you someone who is admired by the other? Aren’t you the center of your class? Aren’t your test’s scores are always on the higher mark? The Hina that I know is that kind of popular being that is set on the path of success. (Eros:

yea right, good grades = happy?)

Aren't she should be the one who are blessed and happy? She should not waste her time with someone like me, keep bathing in the spotlight, spend her time in a dazzling brilliance, and become a successful adult just like that. She could've accomplished that.

And then she eventually would forget all about me, forget about all our childhood memories.

I have resolved myself to accept that future. Or rather that accepting, I know it was more like surrendering myself.

“..... Because I want... to apologizes to Hiro-chan. I’m sorry for being stubborn.....”

“..... Stubborn?..... just what kind?.....”

Riona's small hand slowly moves to touch her own hair.

The place that she touches is the place where Hina usually wears the barrette that I gave her as a present before.

"Even if you said that it doesn't match well with me, I always wanted to wear it you know? That barrette was a precious present from Hiro-chan after all"

"..... Stupid. Why are you..... so fixated at me like that? There is no need for you to care about me don't you?..... Why you keep caring for such a loser like that.....?!"

She should be angry at me, gives up on me, and then forget me for good. If she does so then Hina doesn't have to experience this kind of suffering.

The Goddess made the reincarnated Hina into an incarnation of the Demon Lord..... And by doing that, she should've known that Hina's life ahead will be filled with suffering.

Did she do it with bad intent toward Hina? Or for The Goddess, this much of suffering is just in the level of a prank?

If that so, then it is just the same as The Goddess tricking Hina into this. This is just too sad for Hina.....

"How can you be a loser? Didn't Hiro-chan the one who always protect me when we are still a kid?..... And your disposition doesn't even change now doesn't it? After all, coming back here to save me is already proving it. Hiro-chan never changes much from that time. And I also, always... always....."

The last part of her words is blurred by her crying voice and I can't quite hear it right.

But anyway, how can you have that much confidence in me like that? After all I was the one who easily giving up on you first?

Even if someone else take you away, if I lied to myself and gives my blessing to you, I can break free from the wretched feeling with ease. My past self was just someone who always thinks of useless thing such as protecting his own worthless pride and won't even give you a thought!

"..... I was the one..... who begs The Goddess to..... reincarnate close by to you, Hiro-chan..... And she tells me that..... hic..... I can do it for you but..... you might experience some misfortune along the way..... that was what she said....."

"And you are fine with such conditions?..... Why?..... Why did you go through all this..... even if you know that you will face misfortunes? You even throw up all the things that you have in the previous world just for this..... Is there a meaning in it!?!?"

The feeling that has been bottled up for long, once spilled out, would be impossible to hold back again. Even when I don't have the right to get mad at Hina, I just snap.

If just Hina doesn't try playing Eternal Magia, then she won't be reincarnated here..... I can't help but thinking of a 'what if' scenario to escape reality.

"..... If I just..... don't play that game..... then you won't....."

"No..... that's wrong. Hiro-chan, doesn't you always said that the game is much better than reality? Because of that, I also created my own character and played the game for a bit. I had so much fun you know?"

"..... Why, would you go that far..... Aren't your relationship with 'him' all happy and harmonious?....."

That 'him' is my other childhood friend. And that guy is supposed to be dating Hina..... And yet, why does it seems that Hina choose to reincarnate in this world without any hesitation?

“Did you, mistakenly pushed the wrong button..... and not knowing that you would end up reincarnating for real in this world?..... that’s how it was right?.....”

“How could I?..... I properly choose it with my own free will. I tell The Goddess my wish, then decided to reincarnate here”

Riona has already stopped crying. From her reddish-rabbit-like eyes that got swollen from crying, a tinge of bashfulness could be seen. But even so, she still firmly continues speaking.

“Because I want to go, to where Hiro-chan is”

“..... Why, would you.....”

“Because I want to tell Hiro-chan the truth. I am really not dating Kyou-chan. I refuse him because I know that there is someone even more worthy for him rather than me..... And yet, I couldn’t tell you the truth back then.....”

Just to tell me that, she chooses to reincarnate here?

Are you stupid? No, an Idiot?..... and that is to a such extreme degree.

“..... You are really stupid. Even if ‘he’ is not a good one for you, you might find another that is even better right?..... Why did you trouble yourself with coming to such place?.....”

“Don’t say such place like that. Isn’t this the world that Hiro-chan liked very much even in the previous live? This place is indeed an amazing place..... And you know, I also always liked magic!”

Her speech style has turned from the 4 years old Riona into the 16 years old Hina. If anyone else heard it, they will definitely be surprised by the sudden change..... Listening to her once again made me realize again that she is indeed Hina.

Even for me, no matter how much I tried to be careful, I would still return back to my habit sometimes. In Hina’s case, her style of speech doesn’t even give me any out of place feeling..... When I think about it again, did she just acting along to see my reaction, or did she really.....

“..... Did you always retain your past memories from the time you were born?”

“No..... When I see Hiro-chan is about to turn into stone, the image of the time when I witnessed Hiro-chan get run over by that truck suddenly appears

inside my head..... and because of that, I finally remember that I was Hina”

“Is that so?..... That explains it all then. But.....”

When Riona was still a baby, the first word that she said is my name..... Is that because, even if she forgets all the other things, she still manages to remember my pet name?

“..... Then it looks like I don’t have the right to call you stupid. I am the one dumber by many fold after all”

“Things just went a bit haywire for you in the previous life so it can’t be helped. But the Hiro-chan living in this world is very energetic and lively..... and I think you look wonderful like that. The Hiro-chan now is the most vigorous from the all Hiro-chan that I know in both worlds”

“W-wonderful?..... It was because I received a lot of bonus.....”

“That’s not all you know? I know that Hiro-chan has been practicing many things that children don’t usually do right? I always want to play with Hiro-chan and I can’t help myself so I always look at you a lot, you know. Hiro-chan’s perseverance is really amazing”

Always wanting to play and can't help it. Knowing how Riona's actual feeling somehow made me feel a bit shy. She looks at me more compared to myself even though I made that oath to always protect her and worse, because of my feeling of guilt towards Hina, I would often times neglect her and put a distance to her.

All of that happened because Riona is just look to similar with Hina. I put a distance with her because seeing her made me remember my past, so I tried to avoid her as much as I can.

---- But now, I know that Riona is actually Hina herself being reincarnated here..... With this, I lose my reason to run away from her again.

"..... We should do something with those wings. If we let it that way, you will truly become a demon lord..... and if that indeed happened, I don't know whether I could do anything to resolve it"

"..... What if I just go to a place where there are no humans and live quietly there? That way, I won't trouble anyone..... Right?"

"I won't let you do that. Sarasa-san and Hains-san wouldn't want that..... and don't forget our friends waiting for you to come back"

I move to Riona's back then remove the pendant that is hanging on her neck. I

just don't have the guts to remove it from the front even when our outer appearances are just small children.

"Ah..... Hiro-chan, you can't! if you take that off....."

"Please don't move for a bit. I will return it back to you after this so please bear with me for a while....."

LOG

- You have removed 《Riona》 equipment [Anti magic pendant]

LOG

- You have removed 《Riona》 equipment [Anti magic pendant]

After I take her pendant off, I bring out the collar that I got from Sarasa-san.

If this collar doesn't change Riona's job when I put it on her neck..... If the demonification process can't be stopped. The chance of the scenario going towards that conclusion is very high and now here I am trying to put this bad tasted collar on her. I really can't go on strong with this.

But even so, I have to ask her from upfront for this. All I can do is to persuade her on how I come up with this conclusion so at least she would also understand my logic in this.....

“..... I want you to wear this collar. If you do, your ‘morphing’ would stop progressing..... Perhaps.....”

“E.....eh?..... A collar? The thing like the one wore by doggy right?”

“This is different from the one wore by dogs. This is the collar that is made to be worn by human that is unique only in this world. I think this is an equipment that some people forced to wear with no way to reject. By the way the size will also grow along the wearer so it will be alright I think..... So it won’t make you feel strangled... perhaps”

Just how did I be this calm when explaining about this collar to her? I even sounded passionate somehow when explaining this... I hope she doesn't think of me as someone with that kind of weird hobby.....

“Well anyway, just try wearing it. If it doesn’t work then you can take it off. And if that scenario did happen then I just have to search for another method..... I might have to go on a long journey to find that though”

“..... I understand. If Hiro-chan says so then it’s alright”

“..... You really alright with this? I mean, getting a collar from someone like me.....”

Hearing my question, Riona's cheek gradually reddens. She then take the collar from my hand, place it in her neck, and says..... of course with her overly alluring gesture that could charm anyone even though her current age is still very young.

"If Hiro-chan put it on for me then I'm alright with it. Becoming Hiro-chan's slave is... not something I hate"

"Uh..... W-well, I know that you are just joking for me but isn't that joke taking things too far....."

"H-how can I joke about it..... After all a dialogue that says [Do you want to become《Hiroto》's slave?] had been floating before me since a while ago so what I should do with that?"

I just push out the collar to her and it had already given such reaction..... So Riona can also see the dialogue. It seems like it is a kind of special skill that is given only to reincarnated human from earth.

"..... I-its not about being a slave or what not. It is about changing job like in the game. Riona's race is a [Succubus] so there are only a few limited

occupation that you can change into..... If the system treats your race the same as it treats monsters, then..... I was wondering if I could turn you into my vassal if I can fulfill the requirement.....”

“..... Uhuhu..... Hiro-chan, thank you”

“Eh..... W-why.....”

Why did you say ‘thank you’? My idea is actually something that defies common sense. It is normal to feel disgusted by it..... But Riona seems happy to accept it.

“Well, because it seems that Hiro-chan is worrying a lot about my feeling that Hiro-chan feel hesitated in giving me that collar. Am I right?”

“O-of course I do..... It is normal to feel disgusted by it..... right.....?”

Even Sarasa-san keeps on wearing the collar because she can’t take it off by herself and doesn’t have other choice. If I don’t make her my vassal and manage to overwrite her ‘owner’, then there will be nothing that can take off the collar from her.

“..... If it is Hiro-chan then I’m alright. I will definitely refuse if it was other people..... but, if it is Hiro-chan.....”

“..... I understand. Thank you for listening to me”

“I also..... but, if I can’t return back to my form before..... If I transformed even further than this.....”

“When that happens then I will take you and we will leave together on a journey. That’s why, whatever the result is, we will always be together you know”

“Hiro-chan.....”

(Eros is puking sugary rainbow)

If I really go on a journey then..... it means that I will have to separate with many people that I’ve met and many people that are important to me whom are living in this city. But that separation is not for eternity.

It is a fact that Hina is being reborn to this world so until the time I free her from her cursed destiny given by The Goddess, I want to be together with her.

She is after all wholeheartedly chosen to reincarnate in this world in order to remove the misunderstanding between us. I definitely won’t leave her facing

her misfortune alone.....

Under the gaze of Yuisia, I put the collar on Riona's neck. And then, Riona receive the effect of [vassalage] from me,

LOG

- You are putting 《Riona》 as your subordinate.
- You can change 《Riona》 job into [Slave]. Would you like to turn her job? YES / NO

(..... I did it.....)

I managed to exploit a hole in the system... or did I? Are my actions just something that The Goddess had already predicted from a long time ago and I am just dancing on top of her hand?

I don't know the truth but, changing Riona's job comes first. After hesitating for a moment, I change Riona's job. I changed her job while getting my heart ready for a chance where she would refuse it in the last minute.

"Ugh..... Agh..... Hi-Hiroto-chan..... My body is..... A... AAAAAAAHHH.....!"

LOG

- 『Riona』 job has changed into [Slave].
- 『Riona』 metamorphosis process is stopped.
- 『Riona』 metamorphosis is canceled.

The wings that are growing from her back start to disintegrate into various unknown black letters then completely dispersed from sight.

By losing those pairs of devil wings, Riona has returned back to her previous self. She falls down as she lost her consciousness so I quickly catch her body into my embrace. Her body is warm and her breathing is normal.

---- And then, at that moment when I finally feel relieved.

LOG

- 『Riona』 is automatically activated her [Star of Misfortune] skill! A great misfortune is looming upon 『Riona』.....
- A part of 『Riona』memories are being sealed!

“What the..... Riona.....!”

I can't do anything besides calling for her name but her consciousness doesn't seem to return soon. While I am worrying about Riona's condition, that

nightmarish log entry is fleetingly disappears as it has expired its appearance time.

“..... Just how much more will you toy with people until you feel satisfied.....!”

I managed to stop her Demonification process..... and yet, like sneering at my effort, Riona got her memory sealed.

Riona gradually opens her eyes. What kind of memories that got sealed from her? I somehow could guess what it is.

“..... Giving me power..... while making Hina a Demon Lord..... Just what is it that you wished for? What did you want me to do.....!”

To know the answer to my question, all I can do is to find the one who knows the answer which is The Goddess herself.

At first, I only want to meet The Goddess to know the mysteries of this world. But now, I can't imagine an amicable future if I did meet with her.

Yuisia keep looking at me in silence. And then without saying anything, she just put me and Riona on her back and starts flying ---- toward the vertical passage upside the nest, the other way to exit the place.

(Hirotosama..... Whatever happens, I will definitely be together with you. If you need my wings in order to reach The Goddess then I will always become your wings)

“..... Thank you, Yuisia”

Leaving the darkness of the cavern, we soar into the high blue sky on top of the silver dragon's back. From up above, I look down on the town of Mizell.

The town where I have a home to return to. The town that I will continue protecting from now on..... The town where Riona and I born. (Eros: don't ask me whether Riona really born here. I just translate)

Someday, the time for me to leave the town to see the wide world might come.

---- But even so, I will definitely return back to this town where my mother, father, and also everyone else are living and waiting for my return.



The Elixir is showing its miraculous healing power and restores my mother and her baby's vitality into perfection. And now, we are fast approaching the day when my younger sibling will be born into this world.

I try my best to keep accompanying my mother every time I free. All the friends and acquaintances keep on coming to visit my mom to talk to her while also bringing fruits as gift for my mother to eat most of the time.

For some while, I can't just be alone together with my mother until one day when my father had to go working, the chance to be alone together with her comes.

"Hiroto, mommy is feeling like watching a very long dream you know. A dream where Hiroto is going somewhere far away..... Mommy tried her hardest to stop you but you are just too cruel. You just go straight on without even turning back you know?"

"Mommy, I won't go anywhere"

The fact about me facing danger to acquire the Elixir and the fact about mother at one time reaching zero life point..... Those are some facts that I never tried to tell either my mother or my father.

It is better to never know. Those are just a passing nightmare..... Even now, when I remember that time when mother life point reaches zero, I can't help feeling strangled in the heart.

"..... This baby you know, mommy feel that it will be a girl. Mommy feels that the baby is feeling happy inside mommy's stomach because her older brother is here companying her all the time"

"Is that so..... Has daddy thought up a name for the baby?"

"Yeah, if it's a boy then then name will Judo and if it's a girl then the name will be Sonia. Those are the names of the heroes that come out in the picture book that Hiroto read when Hiroto was a baby you know"

Judo..... Sonia. Whichever it will be, both are good names. But well, using the hero's name to name a child is a common thing to do in this world so there would be other people that have the same name with them.

If what mother said was true then Sonia..... that will be the name of my soon to born little sister eh?

“When she’s born, can I hold her?”

“Huhu..... Of course you can. But let father hold her first okay, ‘Older brother’?”

Mother looks very happy while patting her own stomach. Looking at how happy mother is now, I can’t help but to also have high expectation to the day my little sister born.

“.....Hiroto”

“Yes? What is it Mommy?”

My mother suddenly raises her body from the bed then calls for my name. And in the next moment, she suddenly gives me a hug.

"Thank you..... Hiroto..... For saving this baby..... and also for saving mommy....."

"..... Mommy..... I don't..... really....."

I don't really do anything. How can such blatant lie works on my mother?

Her hug is very strong yet gentle. She is my mother who always stays by my side and protects me..... And she managed to stay alive and hugs me again like this.

The dam that had been holding back all my feeling is broken completely without any sound. The flash flood of feelings from the depth of my heart is already unstoppable.

"..... UUUAAAAAAA.....!"

I cling on my mother arms and grandiosely cry. I cry like making up for all the time where I never cry as a baby. I cry as loud as my voice let me be.

I managed to protect the things important to me! I can continue on living without losing anything!

---- I am feeling grateful for being born. That is all I have in my mind as I continue on crying while entrusting myself into my mother's bosom.



Because I've cleared the quest that I received from Obaba-sama to create Elixir, I finally acquired the qualification to learn advanced spirit magic. But as expected from 'advanced level', the training to learn it takes is also requires a long time so I start going to Obaba-sama's place twice or three times in a week to learn it.

After fighting with the monsters in the Dragon's Cave together with Filianes-san's team, Wendy and Nameless had advanced their rank as an adventurer and now they become famous as the leading adventurer in Mizell town. As for the girls now, they still continue on doing safe and steady quest to pile up more achievement for themselves but, when I joined the party, the girls enter their [Serious Mode] and would take quests which is 2 rank above them as minimal. When that time comes, the profit we got would be too great that Nameless-san start collecting alcohol that is to her likings and Wendy would send more money to her family back at her village by using a delivery shop's service.

Filianes-san has come back to Mizell once after the incident and accompanies me in my training. Because of the battle in the Dragon's Cave, her skill is

experiencing an all-around upgrade. But even so, she still asks me for a real match that is not just a sword dance that we usually do when I get a bit older.

By the way, I also wish to see the capital someday. Filianes-san has asked me a few times to enroll into the knight school so I can become a role model in the junior class but I can't help but worrying about Riona so it is impossible for me to go. But I want to at least visit the school for a day tour or something alike. Next time if there are chances, let's ask her for it.

On another note, Hains-san seems to not yet realize that Sarasa-san has been liberated from her state of being a slave. He already had a habit of not coming back home from before and now he can easily spend days outside before coming back home. I don't know the true condition about their family but Sarasa-san is doing her best to not show her worried expression to Riona..... and then lastly.....

About Riona, what I feared before seems to come true. Her memory of being Hina is really being sealed away and she returns back to her usual childish behavior. Sarasa-san seems to be relieved by her return which is a good news but..... to me, it was like losing Hina all over again. I can't really be happy about this.

Even with her demonification process canceled halfway, Riona's misfortune skill is still at level over a hundred. The scary thing is that this skill has a natural [Limit Breaker] effect affecting it. It might be just as what Yuisia had said before that only beings like the Demon Lord and Hero that could fight face to face with her..... Perhaps, it might be because only these three existence that could learn the skill [Limit Breaker] naturally.

My [Fortune] skill had already reached level 100 but even so, I still can't completely hold down Riona's [Misfortune] skill. Fortunately, the skill [Misfortune Star] hadn't triggered again ever since that day but I still need to do something about it fast before anything dangerous really happen.

In order to do that, well, not completely for only that reason but today, I come to the forest alone by myself. My destination is the lake where I met Yuisia for the first time..... and what awaits me there is Yuisia herself as I already ordered her to wait for me there.

Approaching the lake, I could hear a faint splashing sound. Upon reaching the lake, as there are nothing obstructing my view, I can see a little girl standing in the lake's shallow area.

"Hiroto-sama....."

Like always, she is wearing that see through thin silky clothes that only barely covers her private parts. Her appearance is very suggestive that not many would dare walking around the public spot with such get up. Well, she herself doesn't seem to mind. She doesn't seem to have any sense of shyness ---- or so I thought.

Yuisia who had become my Guardian Beast seems to act bashful when she sensed my gaze upon her. But even so, she still gives out a smile to me..... She is like saying that it is fine to show this much as long as it was me who is looking.

“Are your nest alright? For you being absent like this”

“My familiars, are there, so it’s alright. Nowadays, they even come out, to the forest, frequently..... I can’t let, Hiroto-sama’s acquaintances, get hurt, from monster attack. Protecting from the shadow, is my duty”

“T-thank you..... Yuisia. I can’t imagine the few weeks back you to say something like that”

I was just saying my thanks but Yuisia keep on gazing at me continuously. Her face still has traces of red flush but her smile is already gone.

“..... Protecting the treasure is the responsibility that I inherit from my mother. But for my current self now, I must always stay by your side Hiroto-sama”

“A..... You don’t have to take it that far. Just once in a while is okay. Or you can just come when I call..... Wa.....!”

Yuisia approach me and continue on gazing on me. Because she is taller than me, she had to bow down a bit to close our distance to a comfortable one..... and because of that, a pair of tender looking mound that is imagined to be impossible from the avatar of a dragon got pulled out by gravity and dangling free like a well ripen fruits. Even the sizes of those exotic fruits leave nothing for complain.

(W-what a bombastic style..... but, Yuisia is a dragon..... not a human)

“That’s why..... I also, want to..... create an offspring, to protect the treasure”

“I-is that so, an offspring right? Wait, EH!?”

Yuisia age is supposed to be still 15 years old. But even so, she is already saying about creating an offspring..... N-no, no matter how I think about it, even for a dragon, 15 years old is still too young to give birth to an offspring, or maybe it is not.....?

“..... I want to, give birth to, Hiroto-sama’s child. Then I will, raise our dragon children, and inherit them, treasure protecting duty”

“Wha..... Wa wait a minute, Yuisia, eh? I am, still, you know..... t-that kind

of thing is still to early for us.....!”

In the first place, is it possible for a human and a dragon to mate and create offsprings? No no no, even before that, my current self is still too young that even if I want to create one, my body won't let me do it.

“The reason for Empress Dragon, to take human form, is to copulate with human..... Amongst our kind, there are some, that managed to get a hero, as partner to, create offsprings together. My mother is, one of the examples..... Because of that, our kinds are mostly, half man half dragon. Even if, the blood is mixed, we won't lose, our power”

(I used Sovereign Dragon before but Yuisia said this in katakana now. Will keep using Sovereign as it is not gender specified in case a male dragon comes)

“I-I see, understand..... Wait, did you just read my mind.....?”

“When I was, in my dragon form, I can speak directly, to their mind. That also means that, I could hear people's mind”

So in short, she can communicate telepathically, is that it? I don't know what other ability does the Sovereign Dragon possess but even this one is already on the level of an esper. I can only say as expected of the race that lord over other dragon race.

(..... If that is the case then..... Doesn't this mean that the fact about me envying Yuisia for the skill [Limit Breaker]..... No! If I think about it then she will.....!)

“..... Limit Breaker.....?”

It seems that even if I say the skill name, she still not understand what I mean. That also applies to other people also. No one talks about Strong Body or Magic Grounding as everyday talk topic. For skill related to Jobs, it was only to the extent of ‘honoring’ the [Knighthood] or [Pharmacy] ‘training’ that the skill name appears in everyday talk.

“What I mean by Limit Breaker is..... well, literally like the word means, breaking the limit or something like that. Just like how Sovereign Dragon can get stronger than any other dragon race..... that sort kind of meaning”

“All I have, is yours Hiroto-sama. I said that, I will devote my everything..... I don't have any intent, to take back those words”

Yuisia keep her slouching forward position as she continues to gaze me. Unable to meet her gaze, I move my gaze toward the water surface and what

reflected there are..... the tip of both Yuisia's bountiful mound as the accessories that supposed to hides it is slipping out from its position.

(..... I always wanted to touch those and..... I am always waiting for her permission to..... have the time comes at last?)

"Touch? If Hiroto-sama wants to touch, touch me wherever. I don't mind..... My palpitation would rise, but it is not a problem. There won't be, harm for me"

"..... Yes, okay. Thank you, Yuisia..... I always wanted to touch it"

Yuisia's expression doesn't show any change. But she is doing her best trying to understand what I, a human, feel and think.

"..... I am, Hiroto-sama's loyal slave. Even if, Hiroto-sama earns other wives, as long as, Hiroto-sama treat me as one of them, and create offsprings together with me, I am happy"

"Y..... Y-yeah..... When I grow bigger, and think the time is right, let's do that. I will take all the responsibility"

---- Yuisia gives a slight smile. I already know that she actually also has emotion and doesn't perpetually show expressionless face. Her smile is really too beautiful.

She doesn't say anything and raises her body and then exposed her front. She lifts the see-through thin silk and accessories that hides her private parts brazenly.

---- I have been holding myself back from doing such kind of perverted act. I stopped doing this thing to Monica-san and the others and train my skill earnestly..... I wanted to become a man of morals.

But in front of my eyes now are the forbidden fruits with [Limit] and [Break] words written in it. My instinct as a gamer can't possibly resist such temptation to power up.

"If it was Hiroto-sama's child, they surely, become a better treasure guardian, than me. Until then, I want to deepen, my relationship with you..... As it would result, in an even stronger child"

I think I could understand how important it is to have a child to Yuisia. It is just as important for me to receive the [Limit Break] skill from her.

I have to learn [Limit Break] so I could raise my [Fortune] skill to over level 100 so I can press down Riona's [Misfortune Star] skill!

In the waterfront that is filled with transparent water, the chirp of small bird echoing far and wide. Under the blazing sunray, Yuisia slowly bend down in front of me. Half of her body is already wet from the surrounding water and I unhesitantly reach out to one side of her symbol of motherhood.

LOG

- 《Yuisia》 has given permission to you to do [Milk Harvest]. Would you perform it? YES / NO

From the moment I first saw her in this lake, from the moment I first peek into her status, I have been longing to do this.

While being aware of my heart that is beating so fast like it is about to jump out from my throat, I reach out my hand to those two forbidden fruits which is dangling down pulled by the gravity, trying to hold them up from the bottom.

When my hand finally touches the amazing pair, the sweet dew immediately overflowed. The dew trickles fast in my hand and about to fall down into the water surface ---- And I am reflexively caught those falling dew with my mouth.

This is not the usual milk from a cow..... this is, a dragon milk.....

(F me I'm feeling all jittery translating this)

“Hiroto-sama..... How is it? My.....”

“..... It is really delicious..... I never drink such delicious milk even in my life”

“This is actually, something to nurture the young dragon..... For humans, the nutrition inside, might be too strong”

Yuisia is quickly changing her expression from the wise look that she shown when she still antagonize me into a tender and kind expression that even I couldn't easily believe that it is Yuisia. When our eyes met, Yuisia turns away her gaze while giving a bit bashful expression. But even so, she doesn't try to runs away from me.

While drinking drop after drop of sweet dew from Yuisia, I keeping up my awareness toward the event log and finally, the long awaited skill.....!

LOG

- You feel that the skill [Limit Break] is about to rise...

“..... Hiroto-sama.....?”

That's right. How could this kind of over powered skill gets easily learned? Yuisia seems to be unaware of the conflict inside my mind so she looks at me while tilting her head aside.

“..... Yuisia, I-I'm sorry but, one more time.....”

“..... I understand. If Master wishes so, then no matter how many times.....”

I once again touch her breast and her sweet dew starts trickling out again. I quickly catch all the dripping dew with my mouth and starts drinking it again.

From now on, I would definitely continue to calls her out like this to have her help me ‘train’ my skill..... but of course it isn’t that easy.

At last I’ve come into my fifth try and I just can’t seem to learn the skill. When I was about to give up thinking that I am lacking the talent to do so, I managed

to learn the skill at last. And because of the persistent [Milk Harvest] that I do, Yuisia's affection level even reaches the next stage.

LOG

- You have learned the skill [Limit Break]! The limit you feel until today doesn't feel like a limit anymore.
- 《Yuisia》 affection level rise! 《Yuisia》 is feeling interested to you.

“..... I feel like I can even make an offspring now. When Master touches me like that, I feel like becoming a mother already”

“I-I said it already to stop with this ‘master’ calling..... Rather, I wished that you would call me Hiroto without any honorific”

“I feel that, calling you as ‘Master’, is the best for me. Because, by using master, I could feel the sense of submission, that I belong to you..... It is a good feeling”

..... Perhaps Yuisia... has that kind of M disposition with her? And here I am worrying about something like that in such kind of situation.

LOG

- You have received the title [The One Who Subdued Sovereign Dragon]!

(Titles..... in this kind of timing. But, I kinda feel happy)

There are also titles back in the game. By having certain title, you can access more places and even receives some unique quest. That's why, having more titles is considered a good thing.

“..... Master..... I want to stay, like this, for a while longer”

“O-okay..... A..... this is comfortable. I also feel good Yuisia”

“Even a dragon, wants to take a bath, once in a while. That's why, I like this lake”

Yuisia is floating on the lake water facing up while holding me in her lap. Her expression is filled with satisfaction. The warm water flowing from the subterranean waterways made the lake water feel just right even when the season hadn't reached spring yet.

Yuisia just stays floating on the water while also sunbathing without any care with her wet clothes. With her around just how far can I go I wonder..... I mean with those wings of her. With her around, I can travel around and could find a solution to free Riona from her sad fate even faster. Even the Demon Sword..... and also, that matter about finding the Goddess.

My adventure is just starting. After mastering [Limit Break], what other thing should I do I wonder. While I look up to the wide sky, my mind starts to wander around.